

German Chancellor's pledge on Israel

From our Correspondent Bonn

While underlining West Germany's support for the November, 1967 Security Council resolution on the Middle East, Mr. Willy Brandt, the Chancellor, emphasised here last week that his Government would not formulate policy at Israel's expense.

(The resolution links an Israeli withdrawal from occupied territory with an end to Arab belligerence.)

The Chancellor emphasised West Germany's special relationship with Jews and Israel at a meeting of the Social Democratic Party executive on Monday.

This relationship, he said, was marked by the indelibility of the millionfold murder of European Jews. It was part of the German people's special responsibility that the Federal Government should encourage, with befitting modesty, a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict.

Mr. Brandt then said that his Government was trying to do justice to the legitimate interests of all countries in the Middle East and also improve ties with the Arab States.

By now, fair-minded leaders among the Arab peoples realised the specific factors which determined West Germany's relations with Israel.

A belief that there were "chances" to overcome the difficulties between Israel and Egypt was reported by Mr. Hans-Juergen Wischniewski, the Social Democratic Party's organiser, on his return

from discussions in Cairo during which he met President Sadat.

He was the first leading Bonn politician to be received by an Egyptian President since 1968 when Egypt broke off relations after revelations that West Germany had supplied Israel with arms.

Mr. Wischniewski, who visited Israel recently, said he was uncertain whether partial solutions, such as the proposed reopening of the Suez Canal, were possible.

During his Cairo discussions he met more understanding for West Germany's official attitude to Middle East problems than ever before, but there were still wide differences on a number of points.

According to the West German news magazine, Der Spiegel, Mr. Walter Scheel, the Foreign Minister, recently said: "The Israelis must finally grasp the fact that this Government harbours no old Nazis and therefore no more targets for blackmail attempts."

His audience was reported to be a "small circle" in Bonn.



President Pompidou of France (right centre) with Mr. Asher Ben-Natan, the Israeli Ambassador, outside the Israel Aircraft Industries' stand at the Paris Air Show.

Rogers still hopeful

Paris

The United States hopes an interim agreement can be worked out for reopening the Suez Canal this year, American officials said here on Tuesday.

The American Secretary of State, Mr. William Rogers, has been encouraged by some of the clarifications brought from Cairo by Mr. Donald Bergin, the senior American diplomatic envoy there, the officials said.

Mr. Rogers is hopeful such an agreement can be reached, though he does not believe that anything will happen in the next few weeks.

Mr. Rogers was in Paris this week to preside over the annual Ministerial meeting of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and Development. He also had meetings with President Pompidou and other French leaders. The Middle East was among the subjects discussed. (Reuters).

S. Africans furious over gift

From JOE KUTNER—JERUSALEM

South African political leaders and the community were thrown into turmoil by reports reaching week that Israel has agreed to make a donation to the African Union to be forwarded to "freedom movements" in Africa. Israeli sources have said that the reports are false.

It began when the United Nations made public on Wednesday of last week a letter to U Thant, the UN Secretary-General, from Mr. Yosef Tekoa, Israel's UN representative. In answer to an appeal by U Thant for funds for African "freedom movements" through the Organisation for African Unity.

According to the UN, Mr. Tekoa's letter, dated May 24, said that the Israeli Embassy in Ethiopia would contact the OAU secretary-general to arrange transmission of Israel's contribution of £10,000 (about \$1,200). The letter also asked U Thant to draw the attention of UN member-states to its contents.

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Israel drops plan for Suez pact

From GEOFFREY D. PAUL—Jerusalem

Reacting sharply to Arab, particularly Egyptian, bellicosity—President Sadat has demanded an Israeli withdrawal from every inch of occupied territory—the Israeli Government has hardened its attitude to a Middle East settlement. Despite optimistic statements from Washington and New York, Israel appears to have ruled out the idea of even an interim agreement for the opening of the Suez Canal.

Mr. Moshe Dayan, the Defence Minister, said this week that such a settlement was "realistic" at the present time.

Within the next week or so the Israelis are expected to launch a massive propaganda campaign through the UN Security Council and the Big Four Powers—to put pressure on Israel for a Suez Canal settlement. The threats of increased warfare which are now being made from Cairo are believed to be part of the softening-up action for the campaign.

Israel's response is to underline its military emphasis in the Soviet-Israeli treaty and the threat it poses to Nato southern Europe.

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Mr. Alexander Chaplin, leader of Mrs. Helen Palatnik who is due to stand trial in Odessa next week, joins members of the 33-Year-Old Women's Committee outside the Soviet Embassy in London in a demonstration against the trial. (Full story, page 6)

Action against Arab pirates

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

The Coral Sea passing through the Straits of Tiran after the attack.

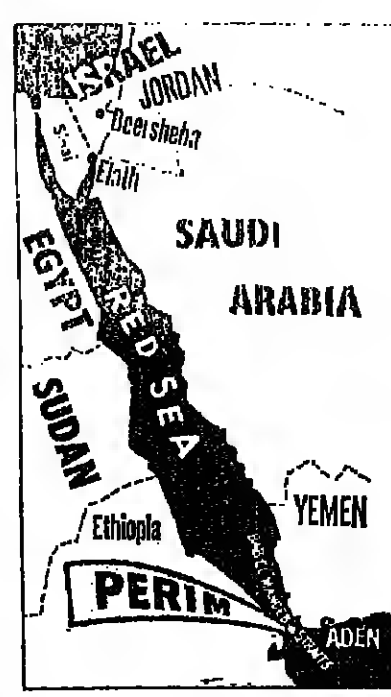
After the bazooka shelling of an Israeli-bound Liberian oil tanker in the Bah el Mandeb Straits, which are dominated by Perim Island, last Friday, Israel is taking the necessary measures to protect ships sailing to her ports against sea piracy.

At the same time she is hoping that the world maritime Powers will join in action similar to that taken to prevent air terrorism.

The 78,000-ton tanker Coral Sea, bringing 66,000 tons of Iranian oil to the Israeli port of Elath, was not damaged when five bazooka shells were fired at her from a speedboat in the straits at the southern end of the Red Sea. The speedboat was accompanied by two others.

Later a spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed in Beirut responsibility for the incident.

The United States and Britain condemned the attack and U



Man held in El Al case

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

A man, believed to be an Egyptian, was due to appear on remand at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday (Thursday), charged with an offence connected with attempting to obtain £3,000 by deception from El Al, the Israeli airline.

The charge is understood to have followed a telephone call made by a man with a foreign accent to El Al's office in London on Tuesday night. A man was later taken to West Central police station.

A statement issued by the Front said the attack had been launched to punish Iran and Saudi Arabia for sending their oil to Europe through Israel.

It said that one of every two barrels of oil shipped by Iran to Israel was "Arab oil" from the Saudi part of Ras Tanurah.

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Israel's plan for Canal

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Communist camp and far from her borders," Mrs. Meir said there was no doubt that behind the contractual definitions in the treaty there stood "an Egyptian commitment to the strategic presence of the Soviet Union on Egyptian territory and a Soviet military commitment towards Egypt which was not publicly spelt out for obvious reasons."

Of far-reaching importance is the fact that the Soviet commitments have been given for a long term with a possibility of extension in the future.

Egypt's central political objective was the blocking of Israel's sources of armaments but the problem of preserving the military balance was not static, especially when Soviet arms shipments to Egypt were on the increase.

"We look forward therefore to the meeting of Israel's demands for the rectification of the balance that has been upset by the quantities and types of Soviet arms supplied to Egypt so far and the supply envisaged in the clauses of the new agreement—these already constitute an even greater violation of the military balance."

Israel looks forward to continued understanding of her vital claims, to arms supplies from the United States Government required for her defence, particularly in the air, and hopes that her requests will be met without delay.

Any failure to recognise the deep significance of the violation of the arms balance in the region both as a result of Soviet supplies

to Egypt and the intensification of Soviet involvement "may be a temptation to aggression and a great danger to peace," Mrs. Meir warned.

Replying to a four-hour debate, Mrs. Meir stressed that Israel would continue the search for peace.

Concluding on a grim note, Mrs. Meir said that if war should come despite everything, she wanted every father and mother to know that Israel had done all in her power to find a peaceful solution and to strengthen the armed forces.

An expert assessment of Mrs. Meir's speech is that it was mainly a vehicle for conveying Israel's appeal to the United States for an early response to her requests for additional arms. Israel's request for more weapons, including aircraft, after the present contract runs out, was mentioned to Mr. William Rogers, the American Secretary of State, during his recent visit but there has still not been any reply. Israel feels that this request has become even more urgent to view of the Soviet-Egyptian treaty.

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British firms at fair

From a Correspondent Tel Aviv

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ISRAEL AND MIDDLE EAST

Rabbinate attacked for indifference

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

The Israeli rabbinate and the country's middle-classes have been bitterly indicted for their indifference to the plight of Israel's poor. Speaking at a meeting of the United States Cultural Centre in Jerusalem on Sunday evening, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg said that not a single rabbinic figure of public consequence in the whole of Israel had raised his voice on behalf of the fifth of the population which was abysmally and well-nigh hopelessly poor.

Rabbi Hertzberg, visiting professor of Jewish history at the Hebrew University and a member of the Jewish Agency executive, was speaking under the auspices of the American Jewish Committee.

"If I personally were living in Kalamon in one room with nine children on an income of less than £400 (about \$45) a month, I might remain inert out of hopelessness, but if there were an ounce of hope left in me I would demonstrate in the streets and if necessary make a riot," he told his audience.

Denouncing a change in the priorities of both Israel and the Jewish world, Rabbi Hertzberg declared: "Hopeless poverty in Israel is the greatest single internal crisis both morally and practically. It must be eradicated by massive compensatory programmes in education, housing and job opportunities."

"Israel was meant to appear to the world as knowing how to solve the problems of a complicated inter-weaving of diasporas, not to repeat the turmoil of America and some of the traumas of South Africa."

Rabbi Hertzberg said there were only a few professors to make the point that there was something radically wrong with a country in



Rabbi Hertzberg

which 70 per cent of those attending elementary school were of Oriental origin, while only 16 per cent of those finishing high school came from the same background.

He continued: "Those who demonstrate in the streets may be making us uncomfortable, but they have opened before us the void into which the moral credit of much of Jewish life may fall."

Black Panthers allege police brutality

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Jerusalem's Black Panthers staged a peaceful demonstration and march through the city to the Ministry of Police on Monday evening. They were protesting at alleged police brutality during last month's rioting in the capital.

Few policemen were in evidence, even outside the Ministry's headquarters in Bot Agon. The Panthers themselves marshalled their followers in an orderly manner.

Another group of Black Panthers from Jerusalem went to Tel Aviv to organise a demonstration in the Hatikva slum quarter, but the local residents turned out in force to show their dislike of the Jerusalem Panthers' tactics.

The projected demonstration fizzled out when policemen had to intervene to remove a Panther leader from the angry crowd.

Major Grisha Feigin, the former Red Army officer now living in Israel, has addressed an open letter to Israel's Black Panthers, urging them to regard Soviet Jews as brothers in trouble, who seek only to find their freedom in Israel and have no wish for special privileges denied to Israel's poorer communities.

The Black Panthers have alleged that the Russian Jews receive preferential treatment.

Not everything in Israel was as it should be, Major Feigin agreed, and the Black Panthers had the legitimate right to demand that things which were wrong should be corrected. But "was this a reason to humiliate, offend and wound those who were returning to their home after thousands of years?" he asked.

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Police with truncheons and riot shields face demonstrators outside Tel Aviv headquarters of the Israeli Football Association last night. They were demanding "justice" for their team Boei Yehud, did not give a walkover, although its opponents failed to turn up for a match. A Government commission is to investigate allegations of police brutality among Israeli footballers.

Spending spree alarm Government

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Faced with a new threat of galloping inflation, Israeli Ministers are expected to announce an early announcement of further Ministry measures to cut their spending power and reduce the volume of non-essential imports.

Newspapers of all shades of opinion have urged the Government to act soon against what the Histadrut (Labour Federation), Davar, termed "negativa economic developments in the State economy."

Relaxation of tensions along the borders has encouraged Israelis to engage in a minor spending spree. This strain on the economy is additional to those caused by defence expenditure and the poor returns last year from the diamond and citrus export industries.

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Rabbi denies aiding underworld

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Robbi Menchem Porush, Jerusalem's deputy Mayor and a leading Aguda Knesset Member, left for South Africa on a fund-raising mission last week amid a flurry of reports of his alleged contacts with members of the American underworld.

The rabbi told reporters that he had been approached by friends of Frank Sinatra to help a man accused of evading American taxes to settle in Israel. However, when he discovered the man's connections with the underworld, Rabbi Porush said, he broke all his links with him.

Mr Sinatra is among those reported by the Israeli press to have contributed funds to the Agudist educational network, which is independent of the State school system. Another name mentioned by Rabbi Porush was that of Mr Jack Entertainer, a well-known Las Vegas figure. The American underworld has occupied a considerable amount of Israeli newspaper during the past couple of weeks because of the presence in the country of Meyer Lansky and the attempts made by American Jewish associates of his to visit him here.

A number of men have been deported or refused admission by the Israeli authorities. One of Mr Lansky's friends, Mr Joe Stansbury, is suing Rabbi Porush for the return of \$100,000 (about £41,000), which he said was meant to be invested in housing projects, but was

London graduate is Chief Chaplain

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem



Brig-Gen. Piron

Brigadier-General Mordecai Piron, a graduate of London University who joined the military chaplaincy in 1949, was appointed Chief Rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces on Sunday.

Major-General Piron, who had held the post since the State's establishment in 1948, was succeeded by Brig-Gen. Piron. (See page 36.)

Brig-Gen. Piron, who has been decorated by the State for his services in 1948 and 1949, was born in 1921 and settled in Israel in 1948. After receiving his education at the Hebrew University, he later obtained a master's degree in the humanities at Tel Aviv University. Married with three children, he is the author of several books.

Very much cast in the mould of his predecessor, he has been described by a friend as "a religious zealot" — he is unbending in his defence of the halacha, but is skilled in interpreting its spirit."

Brig-Gen. Piron's appointment is a step by Mr Moshe Dayan, the Defence Minister, and Rabbi Goren to the rabbinical establishment which insisted on being consulted in nominating a successor.

Mr Dayan is reported to have told the rabbinates: "You can say what you like, but this is an Army appointment and I make it."

Britain and Israel play the same tune

From our Correspondent—Tel Aviv

Britain and Israel were competing in a joint military exercise on Sunday (Thursday) — making the band of the Prince of Wales the Band of the Prince of Wales. The Band of the Prince of Wales was giving a concert at the municipal bandstand here.

The British band, stationed in Cyprus and paying its second visit to Israel, was also heading to the municipal bandstand, presenting a marching display for Israeli Army bands and playing in a number of the concerts.

One of these was given in the Tel Aviv pavilion at the Tel Aviv International Trade Fair which opened this week with the "Technology 71."

Mr Anthony Grant, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Trade and Industry, represented the British Government at the fair, where more than 40 British firms are exhibiting.

Mr Grant met Israeli Cabinet members and was the main speaker at a luncheon of the Israel Chamber of Commerce, which this year celebrates its 25th anniversary. He also visited the new British Consulate at 340 Hayarkon Street.

Britain is both Israel's second largest market and second largest supplier. Britain's exports to Israel in 1970 totalled £90 million. She imported goods from Israel worth £45 million.

Celebrating for a year

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Israel is planning year-long celebrations for the State's 25th anniversary in 1973. The plans will be conceived with Jewish communities all over the world through the Jewish Agency.

An inter-departmental committee, headed by Dr Yacov Herzog, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, has presented its first report to an inter-ministerial committee headed by the Deputy Premier, Mr Yigal Alon.

Grenade kills five at barmitzvah

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

A barmitzvah celebration at Migdal Haemek, a co-operative village near Nazareth, ended in tragedy on Sunday, when a grenade was thrown among the guests. Five people, including a six-year-old boy, were killed and 13 injured. Mr Mordecai Ben-David Sawlisa, 36, was arrested on suspicion and appeared before a Nazareth magistrate on Monday. He told the court that he had thrown the grenade into his wife's family home after she had refused to return to him with their two children. He was remanded in custody.

His 26-year-old wife, Rachel, and the barmitzvah escaped injury. All the casualties were members of the Sawlisa family, including his head, Mr Joshua Sawlisa, 70.

107 casualties in Gaza

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

One Israeli soldier and three Arabs were killed and eleven Israeli soldiers and 92 Arabs, including six children, wounded in the Gaza Strip of the weekend, in one of the most savage series of incidents staged by Gaza terrorists.

All the Israeli casualties occurred in one of the five incidents, when a military vehicle travelling on a sandy road near Mir Hahak hit a mine.

A 21-year-old soldier in the vehicle was killed and two of his companions injured. The other nine soldiers were hurt when they were hit by the overturning vehicle.

Two Arabs were killed and 87 injured by terrorists who threw grenades into a crowded bus taking workers to Israel and at a group of other workers waiting for transport.

The third Arab was killed and two of the children hurt when an Israeli patrol opened fire on a group of suspects who refused to heed a warning to halt and identify themselves.

It was disclosed this week that an Israeli naval patrol intercepted a boat containing seven members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine on their way to the Gaza Strip from Lebanon two weeks ago.

The terrorists threw weapons and other military supplies overboard before their arrest.

Pilot trips

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

A first pilot tour to Israel by a group of business and professional people and craftsmen which has just ended is expected to result in early settlement by many of them.

The tour was organised by the Britab Aliyah Movement and the Jewish Agency and the visitors were led by Mrs Anita Davis.



Boris Gaponov, a 37-year-old Soviet translator and writer, receives a visit from his mother at Tel Aviv's Tel Hashomer Hospital. Mother and son arrived in Israel last month, and Mr Gaponov was taken straight to hospital because he is seriously ill with meningitis.

Firm claims world lead

From our Correspondent—Washington

An Israeli firm has been admitted to a hitherto exclusively American "club" of large industrial concerns, the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association show, which opened here last week.

Tadiran Israel Electronics Industries, the only foreign exhibitor, unveiled a new generation of field tactical military communications equipment which, the firm claims, has no parallel in the world in terms of technology. It was wholly designed in Israel, using the latest developments.

These include digital synthesizers, electronic memory, more than twice the number of channels used in existing sets, no mechanical parts and greatly reduced size.

Many countries have expressed interest in buying the equipment and contracts worth £16 million are in the final stages of negotiation. Tadiran's current production of £22 million worth of equipment includes contracts with 20 countries, among them member States of Nato.

The three new field tactical communications sets Tadiran has revealed here are the PRC 68A1 ground-to-air communications kit; the TAB-200 radio telephone relay; and the AN-MIC 6000 rapid radio.

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Chief Rabbi
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By a Correspondent

Traditional Judaism shrinks from inter-departmental activities and debates in areas on which religious differences impinge. Chief Rabbi Jakobovits declared in a sermon at the St. John's Wood Synagogue last Sabbath.

From the Jewish point of view, he said, some Jewish and Christian interests converged, while others would always remain irreconcilable. Jews certainly had an interest in Christians being good and faithful Christians; Judaism obviously cared deeply for the advancement of the moral and religious values promoted by all monotheistic faiths.

"There are also many specific areas in which inter-faith co-operation should prove of common interest. Consultations and joint efforts are surely desirable to ensure better religious educational facilities, including aid for denominational schools; to fight racism or religious discrimination; and generally to enliven the moral and religious conscience of society."

"But traditional Judaism shrinks from inter-departmental activities and debates in areas on which our religious differences impinge. Our aversion to ideological dialogues and inter-faith services, for instance, is founded both on practical considerations and on the dictates of Jewish law."

"We regard our relationship with God—and the manner in which we define and collectively express it—as being so intimate and personal that we could no more convey it to outsiders than we would share with others our husband-wife relationship."

"We feel it is improper to expose one's innermost beliefs and mode of worship to the judgement or comparative scrutiny of those who do not share the same religious commitment."

Rise likely in
US fees

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Large increases in membership contributions were forecast this week in the annual budget speech of the treasurer of the United Synagogue during a council meeting at Woburn House, London.

Far-reaching plans were also put forward for a new US structure entailing the closure and merger of synagogues in the traditional inner areas of London and the expansion of congregations in the outer suburbs.

In a wide-ranging review of the US's financial position, Mr G. M. Gee—speaking on behalf of his former co-treasurer, Mr F. M. Landau, (who recently resigned)—stressed the "enormous strain" which the increasing number of deficit synagogues were placing on the few congregations still in surplus.

He said that the present unsatisfactory position could be remedied only by "more drastic steps" towards the rationalisation and reorganisation of a number of existing synagogues.

And he warned that once "longly and patient negotiations" with the congregations concerned had been completed, "mutually agreed proposals" would be put forward, which, he hoped, the council would approach not in a spirit of selfish parochialism, but with boldness and responsibility.

The treasurer added that a new financial structure which would amalgamate from changes now being worked out would take into account not only the needs of individual congregations but also all the communal requirements to which the US contributed.

"This will result in a very large increase in membership contribution generally," he declared.



Baroness Serota (extreme right) with members of the Women's League of the Friends of the Hebrew University to whom she was hostess in the Chalmers Room at the House of Lords

Widespread protests
against trial

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Nationwide demonstrations were held by Jewish women on Tuesday—the day Mrs Raiza Palatnik was due to go on trial in Odessa. (The trial, it is understood, was since postponed to next week.)

At the Soviet Embassy in Baywater, about 100 women of the 35-Year-Olds Committee, dressed in black, held a six-hour vigil. Their 35th attempt to deliver a letter of protest to the Ambassador was as unsuccessful as most of their previous ones.

Another group of housewives picketed the Arts Theatre while a group of Soviet artists was visiting it.

Seventy Merseyside women in black carried protest banners and distributed leaflets outside the Liverpool central library, while in Leicester and Cardiff demonstrations were held in front of the city libraries.

Thirty-five Birmingham housewives marched through the lunchtime crowds in the city to draw attention to the trial. Their proposed action had been announced in local synagogues last Sabbath and was widely supported by all sections of the community.

Reform rabbi tired of
'doom merchants'

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

The protection of human rights in all spheres was the main concern at the conference of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain in Buxton last week-end.

One of the delegates' first acts was to express their profound dismay at the events in East Pakistan and to undertake to contribute in every way possible to alleviate the suffering.

The plight of Soviet Jewry was another dominant theme, covered in a lengthy question-and-answer session with Mr Ilya Silberberg, a Moscow Jew who recently arrived in London en route for Israel. Race relations and the plight of Jews in Arab countries were other subjects raised during the discussions, which centred on the main theme "Crisis in society—a Jewish response."

Mr Albert Vorspan, director of the commission on social action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, criticised Jewish communities in Britain and America for constantly trying to opt out of the world's problems, often using the narrowest of reasons for not responding to urgent needs.

Rabbi L. Blue felt that Jews had an important role to play in the present dialogue between Christians and Muslims. There were also important areas of work to be done by Jews among the Muslim population in Britain and elsewhere.

Rabbi Michael Goulston declared that he was "fed up with crises and apocalyptic alarms." He was tired of the doom merchants who said that they must be Jews because the Christians, the Arabs and the Russians hated them.

He was tired also of the Auschwitz syndrome—the eternal cry of

'Common Market' plan
for welfare work

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

If the Jewish Welfare Board's amalgamation plans mature, Anglo-Jewry may soon have a national Jewish council for social welfare. This is the title suggested by the board's chairman, Mr Franklyn, for the umbrella organisation under which Jewish welfare work is co-ordinated.

At a meeting of the board in London last week, Mr Franklyn declared Jewish welfare and social work should be co-ordinated in a scheme which would not involve any loss of individual identities, nor would organisations cease to raise their own funds.

He added that the JWB had no intention of becoming the "big brother" or of taking over other bodies. "We are trying to create a partnership," he declared.

The aim of the scheme—described by a number of board members as "a Jewish welfare common market"—was to coordinate all welfare work in the community. A centrally administered system would inevitably lead to an improvement in quality, and this was of paramount importance.

One of the main weaknesses in the present system, Mr Franklyn said, was a lack of provision for including new areas of work. No search was being conducted by the Jewish community.

In the past Jews had been the last to be taken into the sphere of welfare. Today, the State attempt to get him out of the country before Mrs Palatnik.

On Tuesday, the first session of the Leningrad arrests, the Soviet Committee for Social Welfare sent a telegram to the Ambassador demanding that Government stop arrests and simply because they are Jews.

"Free those already arrested," the telegram urged, "and stop the show trials. We also demand that Soviet Jews be allowed to live in freedom as Jews."

Soviet diplomats refused to take part in a discussion on the treatment of Jews in the USSR. They were invited to the "Television programme Break," to debate with members of the 35s Committee.

Streamlining at
Ravenswood

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Twenty-one aid groups connected with Ravenswood have amalgamated with the Ravenswood Association to streamline channels of communication through the association.

The move was approved at last week's meeting of the National Jewish Association, held at St. John's Wood Synagogue.

The joint treasurers, Mr Ian Goss and Mr Philip Sober, stated that the total cost of maintaining the Ravenswood had increased by £20,758 during 1970.

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Fierce bidding
at charity
auction

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Intense bidding for a 135-inch-high Epstein sculpture at Christie's last week boosted to £1,500 the highest-price item in an art auction on behalf of Youth Aliyah and Save the Children Fund.

After swift and sharp bidding for a bronze with gilt patina, donated by Mrs Rosemary Peto—the auctioneer's hammer came down in favour of Sir Isaac Wolfson.

The second most costly item, a George II silver salver, presented by Sir Leon and Lady Bageot, was sold for 1,000 guineas to Mr Michael Morrison, accompanied by appreciative murmurs as visitors warmed to the increasing pace of the bidding.

By the end of the biannual auction, Youth Aliyah officials were totting up at least £20,000, to be divided equally between the two charities. A Youth Aliyah spokesman stated that more than £15,000 had been raised by the sale, with a further £2,500 coming from donations.

Joint chairmen of the auction were Sir Leon Bageot and Lord Long-Bottom. Mrs L. Hahn-Walton and Sir Colin Threlkeld were joint vice-chairmen.



Rabbi Hugo Gryn, minister of the West London Synagogue (left), with three arts journalists who discussed the Jewish contribution to entertainment during a forum at the synagogue. They are (from left) Mr Harold Rosenthal, editor of Opera; Mr Milton Shulman, of the Evening Standard; and Mr David Lewis, of the Daily Mail. On the right is Major Norman Kark, who presided

Anne Frank's million

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

"The Diary of Anne Frank" has achieved a distinction shared by only four authors, including Ian Fleming, the creator of James Bond: it has sold one million paperback copies in Britain and the Commonwealth.

To mark the occasion, Pan Books Ltd, the publishers, presented the Golden Pan Award to Anne's father, Dr Otto Frank, in London on Monday.

At the presentation held two days after what might have been Anne's 42nd birthday, Mr Frank recalled that the diary had sold over ten million copies throughout the world.

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Aliya call for top Zionists blocked

From our Correspondent—Manchester

A proposal that Manchester's leading Zionists should commit themselves to settling in Israel sooner or later was carried on Monday but lost on a point of order.

A resolution embodying this proposal, tabled by the Zionist Youth Council, was discussed by the Manchester Zionist Central Council and gained a majority of votes. However, it will not be implemented as the meeting decided earlier by one vote to waive standing orders, which means the resolution will not be recorded in the constitution.

The Zionist Youth Council intend to bring it up again at the next

annual meeting later this year. The resolution was originally presented at last year's annual meeting and created a controversy in its original form—which called only on future presidents to commit themselves to aliyah. It has now been amended to include all members. There was a clash between the ZYC and the executive at the meeting when it was found there was no time to discuss the resolution because of a public meeting which followed. The Youth Council members demanded that the resolution be presented because of the importance of its nature, but it was finally decided to adjourn the annual meeting to this week.

Club's troubles

All building work on the Manchester JLB and Club's new £40,000 extension has stopped now the hulls have left the site.

The move had been threatened unless the JLB found £10,000 to complete the project. The club apparently failed to meet the deadline.

Urgent roof repairs to the existing premises in Middleton Road have had to be carried out at a cost of £1,000. The repairs were brought forward ahead of schedule, for they were included in plans for large-scale renovations to the premises for which the club will have to find a further £5,000.

The club's youth aid committee has disbanded through lack of support from the community.

However, Mr Cyril Homburger, club treasurer and chairman of the building fund, said that the new extension "will definitely be completed." The executive have discussed plans to meet the new deadline of June 30.

Sports site

The Manchester Chevra Kadisha's 10-acre plot of land at Agecroft, Prestwich, is the site for the Jewish community's proposed sports centre.

The land has been offered to the community at "a very nominal rental," said Councillor Leslie Donn, the president, at last week's Community Council meeting.

"After 12 months research (by the investigating committee) it is felt that this is the most ideal project," the president went on. "A start could be made, subject to planning permission, with the development of two or three football pitches."

Councillor Donn pointed out that while the Council gave its blessing to the scheme it could not give a financial commitment.

News from other centres

Bournemouth

Mrs Blima Feld gave a coffee morning for the Bournemouth B'nai B'rith women's lodge at the Cumberland Hotel and raised £370 for the Israel Cancer Association.

Cardiff

To mark the barmitzva of her grandson, Ross Cantor, Mrs Della Prescott, of Cardiff gave a coffee morning and tea reception at Mark Manor, Sully, for the residents of the Cardiff Jewish Home for the Aged.

Hull

A film show and a supper organised by the Hull Junior JNF and the Judean Maccabi Association was held last week at the Grange Park Hotel, Wiltshire, and raised £100 for Israel.

Liverpool

Liverpool Young Wizo held a garden party at the home of Mr and Mrs Roy Stone and it raised £600. The event was opened by Mrs. Leo Levy.

Prestwich Mayor at synagogue

The true guardians of a city are its teachers and not the town and country planners, said Rabbi Dr J. Unsderfer, minister of



Councillor Clynes

the Holy Law Synagogue, Prestwich, was giving the address at a service of dedication in the synagogue for Councillor Sol Clynes, the new Mayor of Prestwich. He went on: "Councillor Clynes, as head of the service department of the Manchester Grammar School, has inspired many thousands of people in his work as a teacher."

More than 700 people attended the service. They included civic dignitaries from Whitefield, Middleton and Sale as well as Prestwich.

Barmitzva gesture in Sheffield

From our Correspondent

The Forest of Freedom in Israel will benefit by over £400, the gift of 13-year-old Simon Krausz, who asked friends wishing to mark his barmitzva to plant trees in Israel.

At his barmitzva last week Simon related the whole story and also led the mincha and maariv services on the Friday evening. He is the son of communal workers Neville and Pessy Krausz and grandson of Mr and Mrs Armin Krausz. Mr Neville Krausz is chairman of the Sheffield Zionist Association. Mrs Krausz, a professional social worker, was recently elected first president of the United Hebrew Congregation ladies' guild.

A bring-and-buy sale, held by Sheffield Friendship Club at Wilson Road Synagogue Assembly Hall raised £67.

More MDA ambulances

"The services which our ambulances provide are essential with the highest ideals of human humanity," said Mr R. Sivan, the Israeli consul-general, on Sunday. Mr Sivan was speaking at a reception following the dedication of an ambulance for Israel at the Holland Road Synagogue, Hove. He thanked the ladies' committee of the Brighton and Hove Friends

New rabbi for Leeds

From our Correspondent

Rabbi Dr Simon Herman, of the Whitefield Synagogue, Manchester, has been appointed minister of the New Central Vilna Synagogue, Leeds.

Dr Herman, who will also serve as a member of the Leeds Beth Din, hopes to take up his new post before the High Festivals. He was formerly minister of the St. Kilda's Synagogue, Melbourne, and the Giffnock and Newton's Synagogue, Glasgow.

Controversy surrounded the recent resignation of Dr Herman as headmaster of the Whitefield Synagogue Hebrew classes because of "fundamental differences" between himself and the Manchester Central Hebrew Education Board.

Aged home's synagogue

From our Correspondent

Chief Rabbi Jakobovits and his daughter Shoshanna were guests of honour at the prize distribution of both the Southend and district Talmud Torah and the Ilford Day School on Sunday.

Dr Jakobovits told the parents and pupils present: "Many Jewish children in Israel are not so fortunate as to have prize distribution—they are out of Hebrew classes, day schools and synagogues. And if they are, they are not getting a religious education it is secret underground classes."

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Fun men

DAVID NATHAN

Hump on their backs

Comedy is born in insecurity and at its best, has a little to do with liberty. It is the only weapon that the intelligent can use against the powerful and, while it is not aided by itself to topple dictators, fanatics or the forces of ignorance, it is a great consolation for having to live with them.

Jews did not invent a sense of humour; they just needed it a bit more than the others. So it has become a commonplace to talk of the Jewish contribution to comedy as if it were something regarded out of sheer kindness of heart and as a gift to the rest of mankind. There are no jokes in the Old Testament and the average Jew is about as funny as an agricultural handbook.

All comedians need a hump or a tall nose or a bulbous nose or some other physical or spiritual disfigurement. If they haven't got them by nature they paint them on their faces or invent failings such as stoniness or cowardice or a sense of deep gloom. Which is why philopologists and heroes are never funny and optimists can only get laughs by being silly.

Comedy is also aggressive and involves pain and the need for sympathy all of which are areas unknown to Jews.

The harsh economics of America and its imprinted memory of Tsarist oppression produced a crop of comedians in the New World who took the western world shake with a glacial and spasms of relief.

From the Marx Brothers' aggressive anarchy to Jack Benny's total resignation, they mirrored and magnified the secret fears and worries of what are now fashionable called the underprivileged.

As the underprivileged has always been in the majority of the over-privileged are worried about it, the comedians had no real appeal.

But it is not enough to be poor and funny. You have to be bloody-minded as well—which is why the Jews and the British have a characteristic sense of humour, and the Germans, Italians and Indo-Pakistanis haven't.



When the British and Jewish senses of humour combine a potent mixture results.

Denis Norden, Marj Feldman, Alfred Marks, Ron Moody, Sid Chua, Jonathan Miller and Mike and Bernie Winters have all effectively drawn on this double heritage to greater or lesser degree, with greater or lesser success.

Others, such as Peter Sellers and Michael Bentine, have either a clearly defined Jewish ancestry or vague feelings that somewhere in the distant past, there was a Jewish strain. This certainly was how Tony Hancock felt—but he had a tendency towards masochism anyway and just wanted to be in on any persecution that was around.

Feldman says: "I looked more or less the same as the other kids, but at one of the schools I went to I was the only Jewish kid and it gives you a sense of separation. If

Jews in two minds

Wael's small donation to the Organisation of African Unity has caused a furore among South Africa's Jews. DENIS NATHAN, a South African Jewish journalist working on London's Sunday Times, explains why.

There are some 125,000 Jews in South Africa—far too many to identify an archetype. Yet so many you will hear the words: "I am a South African first and a Jew second."

Almost in the same breath, he will spit out with "But we Jews keep out of politics," and then follow with a detailed and caustic analysis of the problems facing Israel today.

The enthusiasm for Israel and the absence of any real support for the ruling Nationalist Party are the reasons why African Jews, at the very least, a dual allegiance.

They remember that in the days after Sharpsville, when apartheid was at its height, it was almost the Jewish capital into Israel was the forefront of the scores of millions of pounds that left the country.

In the Six-Day War, Jewish South Africa's per capita contribution of gold money and young people was hardly the highest in the world. Thanks to it will be remembered, to the Jagers-fave of Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister.

Jew and Afrikaner followed the advance of the Israeli forces with concern and then delight. For the Afrikaner likes to draw a parallel with his nation and the Israelis. Their Book is the Old Testament. But the truth is that the Afrikaner has a far greater respect for the Jews of Israel than those of his own country. Antisemitism, in an atmosphere dedicated to the separation of race, culture, creed and religion, is endemic (though for the moment the Government

needs all the White solidarity it can muster).

The few Jews who oppose apartheid are frowned upon as "Jewish liberals." One nationalist said of Helen Suzman, the only Progressive MP, and a Jew: "We shall not allow her to give South Africa to the Baath, only to go to Israel afterwards."

So South African Jewry, through its mouthpiece, the Board of Deputies, refuses to condemn the horrors of racialism.

This ambivalence has an amusing side, too. As when a Jewish businessman, whose attitude to his own Black employees is no more than paternalistic, returns home after a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with proud descriptions of Jews from India, Morocco, Yemen. "Would you believe it, as dark as our own maid."

Now, as Israel makes a token contribution to the African liberation movements, South African Jewry feels threatened. Because the Board of Deputies does not support the policies of the Government, it is suspected from both wings of the political spectrum.

Mr Vorster has his White voters to think of. But it is strange that South African Jewry prefers so volubly to disregard Jerusalem's need to woo Black African support. One day they might even find their money is an embarrassment to Israel.

Filth in the Land

A long talk in Jerusalem recently with the chairman of the film and plays censorship board had given me the impression that paritan standards still prevailed. I was solemnly told of the cuts that had been made in such respectable, if outspoken, foreign films as Ingmar Bergman's "The Silence" and Ken Russell's "Women in Love."

But an impression that much less strict standards now prevail was conveyed by the solid week of cinema-going which followed. In film after film set in Tel Aviv, Haifa, the Negev, Sinai and even Jerusalem itself, male and female nudity—not to mention sexual activity on a formidable scale—was sauntered my willing gaze.

It was not, however, until I saw a new film made by Israel's most prolific director, Menahem Golan, and starring the country's most popular star, Gila Almagor, that I felt every tolerable limit had been exceeded.

The film is called "The Highway Queen." It deals in intricate and apparently accurate detail with the lives of the prostitutes who cluster around the main road leading northwards from Tel Aviv. In vivid colour, the audience is regaled with acres of bare flesh, mounds of apple core, painting passion in a kibbutz barn and a climactic quadruple rape at a per hour out of proportion to the film, which lasts upwards of 20 minutes.

All this, though it was scarcely art and not much cop as entertainment either, I could just about have stomach. But a final cut was beyond all bearing.

Norden is far away at the English end of the spectrum. He looks that Feldman romanticises this aspect of the urge to create comedy.

"To be Jewish in Stamford Hill in the 1930s," says Norden, "was nothing like being a Puerto Rican in New York in the 1960s or '70s. I was heaven up by the Muscleyes and things like that, but it might as well have been Celtic and Rangers."

But then, the Scots have a very recognisable sense of humour, too.

David Nathan's book, "The Laugh-makers" (Peter Owen), was launched at a Foyles literary luncheon on Tuesday.

The Gerald KAUFMAN COLUMN

It turns out that the principal prostitute, Moragali, has a hidden secret. At a tender age she gave birth to a defective child. As a sentimental finale to the film she visits this child in the institution where he lives and takes him for a day's outing in Tel Aviv.

The child is shown. He is a genuine defective child—a mongrel he is called around by Miss Almagor, dressed up in a cowboy suit, haunted a ballroom to carry, and even induced to give a minute, pathetic acting performance. To wave goodbye to his "mother" when she leaves him with his keepers and heads for the highway again.

All this, very profitably photographed, is accompanied on the sound track by a trendy pop song. I found it more disgusting than anything I have ever seen in a cinema.

It would be permissible to use a child such as this in a documentary about how handicapped children can be helped, or indeed as a means of raising money which would materially help them. But to take one and tinker with his soul little personality for the sake of a commercial gain is to use the attitude in humankind.

Yet the censor allowed it to be shown. Miss Almagor convinced it. The technicians tolerated it. And the critics did not even whisper a protest.

But what, most of all, I cannot get over, however much I think about it, is that this was done by Jews—in the land of Israel.



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Glasgow rabbi alleges 'obstruction'

From our Correspondent

"Obstructionist tactics" have been used to prevent a Glasgow Reform rabbi from taking an active part in furthering the Scottish-Israel Friendship League.

This has been alleged by Rabbi Hillel Avidan, minister of the Glasgow New Synagogue, who told me he had been asked by Mr Benjamin Yaffe, director of the external relations department of

the World Zionist Organisation in Jerusalem, to help in the league's work.

Rabbi Avidan claimed that the obstruction came from the Rev Dr I. K. Cosgrove, minister of the Cornhill Synagogue and an hon. vice-president of the league.

Dr Cosgrove commented: "As far as I know this has nothing to do with me at all. It has certainly not come up before any meeting." He added that Rabbi Avidan was very welcome to attend the meetings of the league.

An Australian by birth, Rabbi Avidan is now an Israeli citizen. He lived in the country for four years during which time he taught for a year in the Reali High School, near Haifa, and acted as visiting rabbi in the Upper Nazareth Reform Congregation.

New minister for Glasgow

The Rev Jeffrey Cohen, formerly director of Jewish studies at the King David Schools, Manchester, has been appointed minister of the Newton Meunas Synagogue, Glasgow.

Mr Cohen was at the centre of the recent controversy when his candidature for the post of senior minister of the Chikwall Hebrew Congregation, Liverpool, was turned down by the members at the synagogue, following a threat of resignation by the assistant minister, the Rev Myer Wolfson. If Mr Cohen were to be appointed on the grounds that he was a "Cohen" (priest).

Married with three children, Mr Cohen studied at Antioch Yeshiva for three years and is a first-class BA honours graduate of Jews' College. He was assistant minister at Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue until going to Manchester. He expects to take up his Glasgow appointment at the beginning of September.

Birmingham's 'unattached'

More than 100 Jewish families who had been approached to join one of Birmingham's four Orthodox or Progressive synagogues have shown little interest.

Only a few responded to the campaign launched by the Representative Council of Birmingham and Midland Jewry to track down Jews who do not belong to any synagogue. This was reported to last week's meeting of the Council by the chairman, Mr Harry Gumpertz.



Leicester housewife, Mrs. Lea Benson, organiser of the local Jewish women's protest march against the trials of Jews in the Soviet Union, delivers a letter to the Lord Mayor of Leicester at the town hall.

Elected to office

BLACKPOOL: Fyde Jewish Welfare Society—C. Freedman, president; H. Myers, vice-president; P. Bloch, treasurer; Mrs A. Cope, secretary.

EASTBOURNE: Ladies Social and Benevolent Guild—Mrs I. Penio, Mrs D. Kaffman, chairmen; Mrs L. Banto, vice-chairman; Mrs D. Koffman, treasurer; Mrs C. H. Zack, secretary.

GLASGOW: Shechila Board—H. N. Norton, president; Dr A. Zuckerman, vice-president; B. Mandelstam, treasurer; Dr C. Mandelstam, secretary; Burial Society—L. Shorikin, chairman; L. Rose, vice-chairman; R. Livingston, treasurer; M. Benjamin, J. Altman, secretaries.

LEICESTER: B'nai Brith—J. E. Levens, president; H. Simons, treasurer; G. Lewis, secretary. Younger JNF Commission—H. Crammer, chairman; B. Harris, treasurer; C. Cohen, L. Lohs, secretaries.

PETERBOROUGH: Hebrew Congregation—C. Conn, warden; P. Lewis, financial representative; L. Kommer, secretary.

SHEFFIELD: JPA—Dr E. Gore, chairman; E. Blasky, H. Winslow, vice-chairmen; R. Grossman, M. Lewis, treasurers; D. Copland, S. C. Cantor, secretaries. Jewish Centre Library—Mrs F. Wilenski, chairman; P. Wilenski, treasurer; M. Rosa, secretary.

Women's JPA group launched

Jewish Chronicle Reports

"Women's Lili" is soon to challenge another stronghold of male domination—the Joint Palestine Appeal.

At a meeting last week at the London home of Mrs Cyril Stein, a women's section of the JPA was formed, under the joint patronage of Madame Comay, wife of the Israeli Ambassador; Mrs I. Jakobovits, wife of the Chief Rabbi; and Mrs S. Gaon, wife of the Haham, Mrs Wendy Brecher is to be chairman.

The first meeting which attracted 70 women, raised £18,000 following an appeal by Mr Trevor Chinn.

Although a plan to set up a women's group has been in the pipeline since 1967, when Yael Doyon, novelist daughter of the Israeli Defence Minister, came to Britain to address women, the idea gained momentum only during the past few weeks, boosted by the demonstrations for Soviet Jewry by the "Thirty-two women's committee."

Several of their members are on the committee of the new women's section, which plans to visit Vienna in September to see Russian Jews bound for Israel. The group may seek to subsidise Soviet Jewish absorption in Israel.

Around London

Friends of Sarah Tinkel House, a committee under the chairmanship of Mr David Tinkel, raised £1,000 from a charity performance of the musical revue "Raisius and Almonds" at the Hampstead Theatre Club.

Finchley Synagogue (Kilross) Parents' Association, in conjunction with Hendon Synagogue (Raleigh Close) Parents' Association, presented the Comic Players

in "Phiza Suite." The funds raised will be used for youth activities sponsored by the two associations.

The Rev Malcolm Wetsman, visiting minister to small communities, addressed a hunchback club meeting of the NW London Women's Group of the Friends of the Hebrew University in Mill Hill. It was held at the home of Mrs Rita Levy, who raised a further £80 towards a scholarship fund for women students at the university.

Chairmen's Reports

MARK LANE GROUP LTD.

Group development quickens

On May 27th Chairman Mr. Mark Lane announced a forecast of Group profits of £1,200,000 for the 12 months to June 30th, 1971. In his annual statement Mr. Lane makes the following points:

- The pace of Group development has quickened during the last two years.
- Results for the first quarter of 1971 were very satisfactory, showing a pre-tax profit of £175,713 as compared with £78,598 in 1970. Later figures are also in advance of the previous year.
- Since the beginning of 1971 we have added more than 30 licensed selling offices to our Group and we have negotiations in hand in respect of a further 20.
- In addition to the opening and acquisition of new units, we are giving particular attention to the upgrading and enlarging of existing offices. By these means we have been able to increase our average turnover per shop in each of the last four years.
- We intend to continue these policies and look forward to the future with confidence.

	1969	1970
Turnover	20,150,000	26,050,000
Pre-tax profit	576,158	886,000
Net assets	1,471,374	1,890,683
Earnings per share	8.70p	15.11p
Dividend per share	5.02p	6.50p

Jersey means Lerose

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Highlights from the circulated statement of Mr. M. E. Rose:
■ Group turnover increased by 12% to £8.5m. and profits before tax by 21% to £246,083—a record level. Total dividend recommended (1970 15%).
■ We have made a good start in the new year with all the groups in greater demand than ever before. Production is running at a high level and quality improvements are continuing. Plans are in place to further increase our capacity.
■ The new polyester fabric finishing plant is now running at a high level. Our forward order position is strong.
■ A new cocktail collection has been launched for this autumn and our garment manufacturing division, and its reputation, has been encouraging.
■ In Holland, "Eli," our continental garment manufacturing unit, almost sold out to the end of the year. Their order book is full. A good start has been made to market Eli Jersey wear. Similarly Lerose garments are being sold with equal success in Holland.
At the AGM on 9th June the Chairman said: "Since the circulation of the statement I am pleased to be able to report that our financial position remains strong. We now have the results for the first four months of the year. Eli our Dutch company has done particularly well and we are simultaneously the Dutch management team have taken the responsibility well, and are working with great enthusiasm. Altogether our interim Report should make good reading. Our profits for the first six months will comfortably exceed the target."

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Look out for the silver lining

By our City Editor

Only critics of the Government's policy of the economy will see any heart from the latest economic trends and the collapse of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, makers of the QE2.

The latest trade figures, for instance, reveal a May surplus of £2 million. But even this percentage does not wipe out the £1.4 billion deficit in the last half of 1970. The deficit of £3 million in the first six months of 1971 compared with an average £3 million deficit in the last half of 1970.

At the same time latest estimates indicate that companies are going to spend even less than expected on plant and machinery in the next 18 months or so, a situation which could have harmful long-term implications for the economy. Added to the calls for a more radical economic policy the latest Upper Clyde Shipbuilders

only serves to underline the Government's determination not to support industrial or commercial activity in the background of the difficult economic times. Instead the Government will spend money to reconstruct the wreckage of U.C.S.

Overall the stock market remains cool. Prices have fallen away a little more in the past few weeks but always in the background is the feeling that, despite the bad news, the market wants to go higher. Even a thin silver lining to the summer clouds could do the trick.

Mr Murray Gordon, chairman of Combined English Stores, told shareholders at the annual meeting that he viewed the future with complete confidence. Available figures for the first part of 1971 were satisfactory and Mr Gordon felt sure that the first half-year's

results would show improvement.

Given reasonable second-half trading conditions the chairman said he had sufficient grounds to be "extremely optimistic" of a further satisfactory increase in profits, earnings per share and dividend. Mr Gordon admitted that the stores group was still causing concern but the activity had been severely curtailed and its size and possible influence had been greatly reduced relative to the group as a whole.

The Combined English shares have shown a good recovery lately but at the present price of 40p to yield 5.5 per cent still have their attraction.

Following last year's record profits of £646,000, the House of Lerose group has started the present year in similar style. Mr Martin Rose, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the improved trading conditions had continued and he expected that profits for the first six months would comfortably exceed those of last year. Mr Rose revealed in his annual statement that production was running at high levels and that plans were afoot to further increase the group's capacity.

This once again underlines the growth potential of House of Lerose and the shares, now at 79p to yield 4.8 per cent deserve a better rating.

[Prices quoted are those prevailing on Wednesday.]

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Mr Sheffield, chairman of Capital & Commercial Finance, is looking forward to a profitable year. Although there is a likely reduction in the scope of the financial services offered to small and medium-sized businesses continues to expand. Add new developments such as property and commercial loans will also help.

By the year ended March 31, 1971, the group had added £18 million was added to existing customers of the Capital while gross investment had risen to £100 million. One-fifth of the customers have balances exceeding £10,000 or less and 20 per cent of them less than £1,000.

Interest is raised from 7 per cent on pre-tax profits to 10 per cent on after-tax profits. The year up comfortably to £10.78 million.

Bank Discount Bank and Barclays DCO have agreed to form a new Israeli bank called Barclays Discount Bank. The new jointly owned company will have capital funds of £2 million and will incorporate the present business of the 40 branches of Barclays DCO and the Bank of Israel. Operations are expected to start in January 1972. Meanwhile, Barclays DCO

state that assets at March 31, 1971, totalled £171 million and advances and other deposits were £1,458 million.

An increase from £230,000 to £700,000 in the issued share capital will be made on July 1 at Eagle Trust Company. This news from the chairman, Mr S. J. Davies, accompanies the disclosure that current-year trading has commenced favourably during the first quarter. Mr Davies anticipates that full-time results will show an improvement over 1970's £4,000 profit.

Mr J. Sprenger, chairman of Kangol, tells shareholders that initial indications point to 1971's results to be no less than those for 1970. In that year Kangol's profits almost doubled to £311,000.

In spite of a fall in profits, shareholders in Wilson Bros. will collect the promised rise from 9.8075 to 10 per cent in dividend. The final 6 per cent emerges from pre-tax profits of £380,000 against £401,000.

Mr Montagu Barkman, chair-

man of Helene of London, says trading in the current year has been satisfactory and 1971, he considers, should again show increased profits. Last year there was an increase from £384,000 to £419,000.

Shareholders in Hambros Bank are to receive a two-point increase to 30 per cent in dividend total—the final is 22½ per cent. After tax profits in the 12 months ended March 31, 1971, totalled £250 million against £221 million.

Dividend total at Haslemere Estates is being lifted five points to 20 per cent with a 12 per cent final payment. On net rents up to £1.75 million from £1.22 million pre-tax profits advanced by more than £200,000 to £287,000.

Correrae group claim a "highly successful launch for its Hellmark cigarette. Since going on the market three weeks ago sales have reached 903 per cent of the target set for the initial five-week selling period. Rothmans of Pall Mall is the company responsible for the brand.

HAMMERSON

Statement by the Chairman,
Mr. Sydney Mason

In his review for the year to 31st December, 1970, Mr. Sydney Mason, Chairman of The Hammerson Property and Investment Trust Limited, makes the following points:

RESULTS: Group pre-tax profit increased from £1,608,054 to £1,969,218. The accounts reflect to the full the annual rental income from our most important asset Woolgate House in the City of London and the increased profit is largely attributable to this. A dividend of 28% is recommended (1969: 22½%).

The year 1970 represented a significant landmark in the company's affairs quite apart from the substantially increased profits. By the close of the year all deferred interest and other similar expenditure incurred during the development of Woolgate House had been discharged and written off. From 1971 onwards the substantial net equity income arising annually from this property will be available, after taxation and minority interests, for distribution to shareholders and a significant increase in the amount available for dividend will therefore arise in 1971.

SHIP ISSUE: The Directors consider that the time is appropriate to capitalise part of the income standing on the share premium account for the purpose of a scrip issue. Shareholders will receive one share for every share held.

ASSETS: Property assets and capital commitments have increased from £142 million to £155 million at 31st December, 1970. Of this £155 million only £38 million represents fully developed investment properties. This fully developed portfolio has in the opinion of the joint managing directors a present day value of approximately £72½ million giving a surplus (after minority interests) attributable to the company of approximately £27 million.

FUTURE: Subject to any unforeseen circumstances it is the Directors' intention to recommend a dividend of 28% for 1971 on the capital as increased, thus effectively doubling the dividend for that year. Following this major step forward I am confident that over the future years there will be steady growth in the group's annual profits and also in the amounts available for dividends.

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Growth Record

	1970	1969	1968
Turnover	10,400,000	9,280,000	8,400,000
Profits before tax	1,004,697	875,848	502,921
Net Earnings per share	8.25p	4.85p	2.80p

* Adjusted to allow for capitalisation issue.

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, Scot Meat Products Limited, Bletchley, Bucks.

JEWISH CHRONICLE

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A Soviet fabrication

IT SHOULD COME as no surprise that the Soviet régime is stopping at nothing to counter the protest movement by world Jewry over the plight of Soviet Jews. A régime which imprisoned and killed large numbers of its own citizens on trumped-up charges, and which uses the big lie as an instrument of policy was bound to use the same ruthless methods to counter efforts to bring home the true state of affairs to the world's conscience. It is no accident that the nascent aspects of KGB (security police) tactics in Russia and abroad should have followed on the heels of the growing rehabilitation of Stalin by the Soviet leadership.

The monstrous allegations at the weekend by official Soviet information agencies that "Zionists" roused the recent fire in a London hotel, resulting in the death of eight people, is typical of what we must expect from Russian sources. The facts have been made amply clear. Scotland Yard's denial of the Soviet fabrication, issued with most creditable promptness, covers the factual aspects. It is fully supported by other information from the hotel and the vicinities in Golders Green. But we should be under no illusion that publication of the facts will halt the activities of the KGB's ilk. Accusations of "Zionist" arson are of one piece with the "Zionist blood libels and the notorious so-called Doctors' Plot of the 1950s. In short, the tradition of anti-Semitic State libel has been inherited and amplified by the present régime. As the world-wide

Jewish campaign on behalf of their brethren in captivity grows in effectiveness, Moscow counter-attacks of this kind must be expected. Jews everywhere must be prepared to react with dignity and effectiveness.

In this context praise due to the Swiss authorities in Basle for their action last week in forcing a Soviet trade delegation to withdraw anti-Semitic publications which had been issued by the Russians and their associates, the Palestinian terrorists.

For years Jews have been trying quiet diplomacy in order to alleviate the position of Russian Jewry, but without substantial success. It is no consolation that in 20 years' time another Soviet leader may condemn the crimes of the Brezhnev era; justice is needed now. As for Moscow's monstrous accusation that "Zionists" helped the "Hitler fascists" at Babi Yar and elsewhere, we have every right to recall that Jews everywhere in the free world were active participants in the war against Nazism at a time when the Soviet leadership was actively helping Hitler economically, politically and with propaganda directed to encourage its supporters in the West to sabotage the anti-Hitler war effort, culminating in the notorious Ribbentrop-Molotov pact.

The fact that the Russians are reacting so characteristically to world Jewry's campaign is a sign that they are very sensitive to world opinion on the Jewish question. It gives every justification for our continuing the campaign by all

legitimate and intelligent means until the show trials and persecution of Jews end, and until Jews who wish to exercise an inalienable human right to leave the Soviet Union are allowed to do so, free from the harassment and discrimination which is again on the increase. The struggle will need strong nerves and cool heads. But the outrageous Soviet reactions are the best proof that world public opinion can be reached and is likely to be effective.

Terrorism at sea

The attack on the Israeli-bound oil-tanker Coral Sea, at the southern end of the Red Sea, is a serious matter. For Israel the Red Sea is a vitally important sea-lane, used for the transport of the bulk of her oil supplies and for her trade with countries east of Suez. In this sense, the Bab el Mandeb Straits are as much a lifeline as the Straits of Tiran, and Israel was forced to go to war when the latter were blocked. The terrorist Popular Front has fancifully claimed that it mounted the attack on the Coral Sea from the Jordanian port of Akaba, 1,500 miles away. It can safely be assumed that it operated from bases in South Yemen. Here lies the danger: South Yemen is geographically in a position to apply the same methods of blockade and piracy against peaceful Israeli shipping as were used by Egypt in the Straits of Tiran in 1967.

Israel has already announced that she will take the necessary measures to protect her shipping. But the mercantile Powers, too, have to decide whether threats to the freedom of the high seas should go unchallenged. In 1967 they failed to act; that meant war. This time they must decide that blockade and piracy are contrary to their own vital interests. Terrorism at sea must be stopped, just as terrorism in the air was. Otherwise unprovoked attack will not be restricted to Israeli shipping. It will be launched against other ships carrying cargoes to Israel, or the ships of Powers judged to be "too friendly" towards Israel. It is as well to remember that it was not Israeli aircraft that were blown up by the Arab terrorists in northern Jordan last year.

Collision course

The two wings of the community are presented at the Board of Deputies as if on a collision course which only wise statesmanship, understanding and a readiness to compromise can divert. Regrettably, these commodities seem to be in short supply. The dispute over the board's ecclesiastical authorities, which the latest formula has done nothing to resolve, is basically a question of whether the Reform and Liberal religious movements are to have the same rights as any other religious community and to be counted as valid expressions of Judaism. Acknowledgement of these rights would not, of course, imply that Orthodox Jews agreed with the views of the Progressives. But surely in this and age the various elements in the community can muster sufficient maturity and tolerance to "agree to differ." The Chief Rabbi, as reported on another page, has given worthy expression to Jewish ideas of tolerance but, alas, as it applies to Christians. When he stepped up his post he expressed the desire of a united community. At the eleventh hour he is probably the person who can intervene to avert the threat of an irrevocable split in the community. But he must act swiftly. Next week's meetings can be crucial.

Israel's poor

Attention has again been focused on the problems of Israel's poor, estimated at one-fifth of the population. Poverty and backwardness are unfortunately a lot of a substantial section of the Jewish community. Articulate sections of Israeli society have, over the years, voiced deep concern at this distressing situation and strenuous efforts have been made by the authorities to tackle the problems involved, despite the privations of the security situation. Those who would criticise Israel for its failures in tackling a problem which many prosperous countries have failed to solve, should appreciate the enormous difficulties which remain to be overcome in tackling a problem which many prosperous countries have failed to solve. Israel deserves sympathetic understanding and, above all, more help from the diaspora for having taken the poor and backward from Jewish communities all over the world.

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A REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Extracts from the Jewish Welfare Board Annual Report 1970

“Poverty, loneliness, despair: these are at the root of the many social problems to which we have addressed ourselves in the past year, a year that has seen a shift in our welfare priorities and development projects”

Today we are faced with the sombre situation in which poverty in terms of relative deprivation is overtaking more and more of our people, particularly the elderly. It is an undoubted and non-political fact that upwards of six million men, women and children in our country are existing on incomes below Supplementary Benefits level—that is, at a level below that set by the Government as the minimum standard.

We have in the Jewish community a proportionate share of such poor people. The principal object of the Board, as recorded in its laws, has been since its foundation in 1859 “to relieve the poverty and to ameliorate the condition of the Jewish poor of the metropolis.”

That object, with its Victorian overtones has remained relevant even in 1970. Statutory services of many kinds are now available to help the “underprivileged” but in the course of more than a century living standards, social conditions, kinship relationships and neighbourhood support have all strikingly changed.

Many of the Jewish poor of today are isolated and helpless to a degree that would have astonished their grandparents; and Jewish social services, although now much different in kind and quality, are needed as ever before.

Shifts in priorities

Thus, the first change in our priorities has been the greater social work attention given to poor families and individuals, notably old people living on their own. So far as practicable, these claims have been guided towards self-help. Causes and remedies have been sought and the best use made of statutory aid.

Secondly, we are gradually putting into effect a new policy for admission to our homes for the aged. Until recently, and except in the case of homes specifically designed for the infirm and mentally frail, applicants for admission had to be “ambulant” which meant able to walk, dress and attend to toilet needs unaided.

Thirdly, as we have been, with overwhelming demand for accommodation for very old people, many over 80 years of age and often with multiple chronic disabilities, it has been decided that all our new homes shall be specially constructed for the needs of such old people and that over a period of years existing homes will be adapted to those needs. Older homes, incapable of adaptation at reasonable cost, will be closed.

In the result, we shall be providing homes for many more of the infirm and handicapped and for fewer of those physically able to live independently.

There is, at least, the prospect that the eventual completion of the Board's current building programme (the majority of the money for which remains to be raised) will largely meet the residential needs of the old people of our community to live on their own.

A third change of priorities is occurring in the Careers and Employment Section that has inherited the century-old functions of the former Boys' Industrial Department. Although we continue to arrange and supervise apprenticeships and articles of clerkship, the emphasis is shifting to the helping of physically and mentally handicapped people of all ages to find employment and thus independence.

New homes

We have pursued our building programme energetically. During the year Sarah Tinkel House (the very generous gift of the Tinkel family), a purpose-built home in Highbury, London, N5, for 48 infirm aged, was completed. So were Maitland and Joseph Houses

at Hemel Hempstead. These consist of flats for 35 and a hostel for 31 old persons and were financed from the magnificent Maitland Joseph Bequest.

Work is in progress on a new home at Fortis Green, London, N10. Plans have been approved for new homes and flats on sites at Southend-on-Sea, Ilford, Green Lanes, N4, and Abbey Road, NW8, and for the redevelopment of the Jool Emanuel Almshouses in Egerston Road, N16, where a Day Centre is to be incorporated in the proposed flat and hostel scheme.

The Hendon Jewish Community is raising the funds for the Hendon project, but that apart, the great majority of the nearly £2,250,000 required for the realisation of our plans still has to be found. Urgently needed schemes for the residential care of our aged must wait until the community provides the Board with funds to meet, not only the huge capital costs, but also the resulting maintenance charges.

New social work

Much of our new social work in 1970 has been concerned with mental disability. The Board has achieved a great deal in this field. Its work attracts the interests and commands the respect of many authorities and specialists.

For several years past, we have maintained three residential hostels, an industrial training workshop and a Day Centre for men and women recovering from mental illness, referred to us by mental and general hospitals and by doctors.

We have been able to create new and stable social conditions for particularly isolated and vulnerable people sad, in many instances, as they are on the path to normal working independence. Even when not so successful, we have provided therapy, care and support and a sheltered home background with results that have been deeply rewarding.

Adult subnormality

During the year, we have examined for the first time the social problems arising from adult subnormality, especially the effect on families of a subnormal member and the anxieties of ageing parents about the future of their subnormal children.

In addition, our Mental Health Section has opened a new social club at the Alyth Gardens Reform Synagogue and a second day centre at Cazenove Road, Stamford Hill. Both our day centres have a mainly psychiatric purpose but they and the social club also provide day care and occupational facilities for old people.

Numerous activities are arranged in day centres, many of them designed specifically to make demands upon those taking part. We consider that day centres, offering a range of facilities, will play a large part in future social work for the elderly. They may well provide the support and supervision that will enable many people of advanced age to remain living in their own homes instead of seeking shelter in institutions.

Community involvement

At the end of 1969 the Laws of the Board were altered to provide for synagogues and other bodies to be directly represented on the Board. Fifty-seven synagogues and twenty-eight organisations now have representatives on the Board. All synagogues and approved communal bodies not already represented are invited to apply for representation.

Both the community and the needy whom we serve suffer from the present unregulated administration of social services by established

bodies. Some have overlapping facilities or functions, some have money-raising appeal not based on proven need, with resources beyond their foreseeable requirements. Some are outdated in their philosophy and methods.

Most are doing their work without any examination in depth of the needs or available resources of the community, or with sufficient regard for what is being done in similar fields by others. All have a worthwhile contribution to make in the solution of the community's social problems and all are untrained and administered by dedicated and public-spirited men and women. Their initial resistance to proposals for co-ordination stems from the value they place on the independence of their own institutions, on the services that those institutions have for long rendered and on their assessment of their community connections as sources of funds and voluntary effort.

We believe that a rationalisation of community social services must come and that it will be achieved by discussion and persuasion and with the support of enlightened public opinion.

There has been a gradual increase in the number of voluntary workers. Two hundred of them are now visiting our old people in their own homes and performing other essential duties. They do a splendid job. Many more are needed, particularly in East and North-East London and their recruitment would not only greatly help lonely old people but would release trained social workers for more specialised tasks of family rehabilitation.

Continuing activities

The Careers and Employment Section has assisted over 1,000 mainly young people in employment problems during the year. The Loans Advisory Panel administering the Hirsch Fund has continued to make interest-free loans for a widening range of purposes and has been able to give practical advice particularly to applicants with unrealistic proposals.

Samuel Lewis Home at Welton-on-the-Naze has throughout the year been open for convalescence and recuperative holidays for hundreds of ailing and elderly people referred to us by hospital boards or recommended by our own social workers.

The chronic shortage of housing continues to be a major factor in the problems of many of our families. The Board's efforts in this field have resulted in flatlet accommodation for about 25 elderly and family accommodation for about 250 others. Even with the statutory financial benefits enjoyed by our housing associations, it has proved essential for us to provide substantial rent subsidies for many of our poorer tenants with large families.

Tomorrow

We return at the end, as in every report we must return, to the problems of tomorrow. We believe that there is in Anglo-Jewry (as in the general population) an increasing awareness of the social injustices of our time: the neglect of the aged, the hardship to families caused by poverty, deplorable housing and chronic disability, the lack of facilities for the care of the mentally ill and the many other handicaps of gravely disadvantaged people.

The awareness can be translated into more effective remedial action through humane, socially conscious and properly qualified agencies. The Board is pre-eminently such an agency.

It can only succeed, however, if the community continues to provide encouragement, voluntary effort and, above all, money.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clause 43 and after

Sir.—With reference to Mr S. S. Levin's letter in your last week's issue, I will deal with the public facts and not rely upon the disclosure of arguments at private meetings. I have never done so, and even though I have resigned as treasurer and am free to do so I will not follow his example.

In his letter to me of February 23, 1971, he stated: "Thank you for giving me a copy of your letter of January 18." Mr Fuller (this was a letter indicating my intention to move a motion to delete Clause 43). You are quite right. It was I who first suggested reconsideration of the Board and I still firmly believe that this is the goal we must move towards."

This letter was not marked "Private," but there was no secret about Mr Levin's views at that time. In your leader of January 22, this statement appeared (and not at that time or since refuted by Mr Levin): "A compromise solution has now been suggested in a resolution moved by the treasurer of the United Synagogue, Mr F. M. Landau, which implements in suggestion by another Orthodox figure, Mr S. S. Levin, to delete the whole clause relating to ecclesiastical authorities." Your readers will note that this leader preceded by over a month Mr Levin's letter to me.

Now the busy Mr Levin comes with a new suggestion. He suggests that the proposed deletion will result in a "major surgical operation" to remove the education and shekhita committees of the Board. Incidentally, Mr Levin has always been severely critical of the creation of the education committee of the Board. I believe that both the education and the shekhita committees are useful and that both are in capable hands.

The jurisdiction as to the decision whether any congregation is Orthodox from the point of view

both of representation and as to what marriages are properly certifiable is dealt with by clauses 2, 44 and 50.

The only criticism which could be made upon the deletion of clause 43 is that a future president might exercise his discretion in a religious matter alone. He can do this under clause 43 as it stands. It requires him to seek guidance but he is not bound by such guidance, if and when given.

I agree completely with the views expressed in the letters of Mr Shaw, Mr Priestley and Mr Malcolm Slowe in last week's issue. I consider that your readers now have all the facts upon which they can form their independent judgement.

F. M. LANDAU,
5 Langford Close,
St. John's Wood, N.W.8.

Chaplains' fund

Sir.—I refer to the letter (in your issue of June 4) from Mr B. Garbock and his concern over the lack of financial support for the chaplaincy scheme from the Manchester community.

All the major synagogues in the Manchester and Salford area have pledged money for the scheme, and the money is now held by the Manchester Chaplaincy Board. We owe the first year's salary and are very grateful to the Manchester Jewish community for their support.

Applications have been received from America and Israel and are now being considered.

MAXINE ROSE,
Chairman,
Manchester Chaplaincy Board,
11 Chatham Grove,
Manchester.

Amnesty case

Sir.—In your issue of June 6 a report was carried under the heading "Amnesty renews charges." The article referred to a letter which had been addressed by the Swedish section of Amnesty International to Mrs Golda Meir during her visit to Sweden.

The letter was in fact in Swedish and was sent to the Prime Minister, care of the Israeli Embassy in Stockholm. Particular reference was made to the case of Nalm el Ashab, who has been detained since October, 1968, in Israel without trial or charge.

A brief reference to this letter appeared in the Morning Star and a member of your staff kindly drew my attention to it. After I had clarified that neither the International Secretariat nor the International executive committee of Amnesty International had written to the Prime Minister it was agreed there was nothing to report.

I was therefore disturbed to read the article on June 6, which gave a misleading impression of the situation and made no reference to the conversation with me. The reason why Amnesty International has not pressed for the establishment of the commission of inquiry which we asked for in our report of April, 1970, is very simply that since the report was published we have received no new allegations of torture of Arab prisoners in Israel.

MARTIN ENNALS,
Secretary-General,
Turnagain Lane,
Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4.

Point

Lurie family.—In answer to Mr Stanford Lurie's query on the Lurie family (your June 4 issue) my late mother's first cousin, James Lurie, married a Mr Lurie and their son was later killed in the regular army. The family did not mix in the Jewish community but I used to meet his sister, Eugenia, and other relatives about 30 years ago. (Mrs) Olga Solomon Phillips, 4 Percival Avenue, NW6.

DAVID FREEMAN,
27 Darnell Street,
Ahuza, Haifa, Israel.

Community bar a Cohen

Sir.—We are puzzled and dismayed to have read your June 4 issue that the Chikunt Synagogue, Liverpool, has failed to confirm the choice of a senior minister, apparently just because the candidate is a Cohen.

We are not aware who the other candidates are, and in any case it is not for us to offer advice, but since the Rev Jeffrey Cohen was approved by a majority—at least a "simple" one—of members of the congregation, we feel we are entitled to state that he is a particularly able and dynamic younger member of the ministry, with considerable experience in educational and social work, and we would have been overjoyed to have the opportunity of securing such a minister.

As to his being a Cohen, two points out that Chief Rabbi Nathan Marcus Adler and Hermann Adler were Cohens, and since the Rev Jeffrey Cohen was approved by a majority—at least a "simple" one—of members of the congregation, we feel we are entitled to state that he is a particularly able and dynamic younger member of the ministry, with considerable experience in educational and social work, and we would have been overjoyed to have the opportunity of securing such a minister.

Costly plaques

Sir.—I was astonished to read (in your May 21 issue) that many of the memorial plaques at the Jewish aged home in Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester, will not be replaced in the new homes unless the relatives pay an extra £25—the difference between the old fee and the present fee of £50.

The records will show that many plaques were donated some 25 and 40 years ago; and 225 in those days could buy more than £50 can today. The contributions were made by families, many of whom could ill afford the money; and not to replace the plaques in the new building is a mean act which will be resented.

The present-day managers should not forget, but rather show respect and appreciation for those early supporters of the Manchester Aged Home.

DAVID FREEMAN,
27 Darnell Street,
Ahuza, Haifa, Israel.

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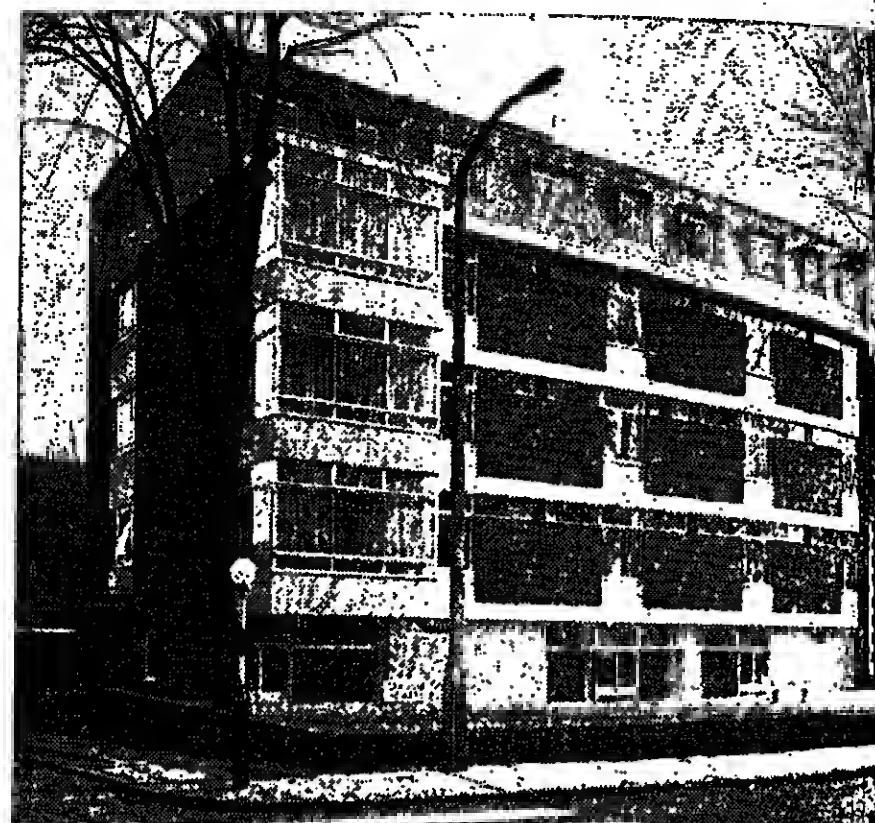
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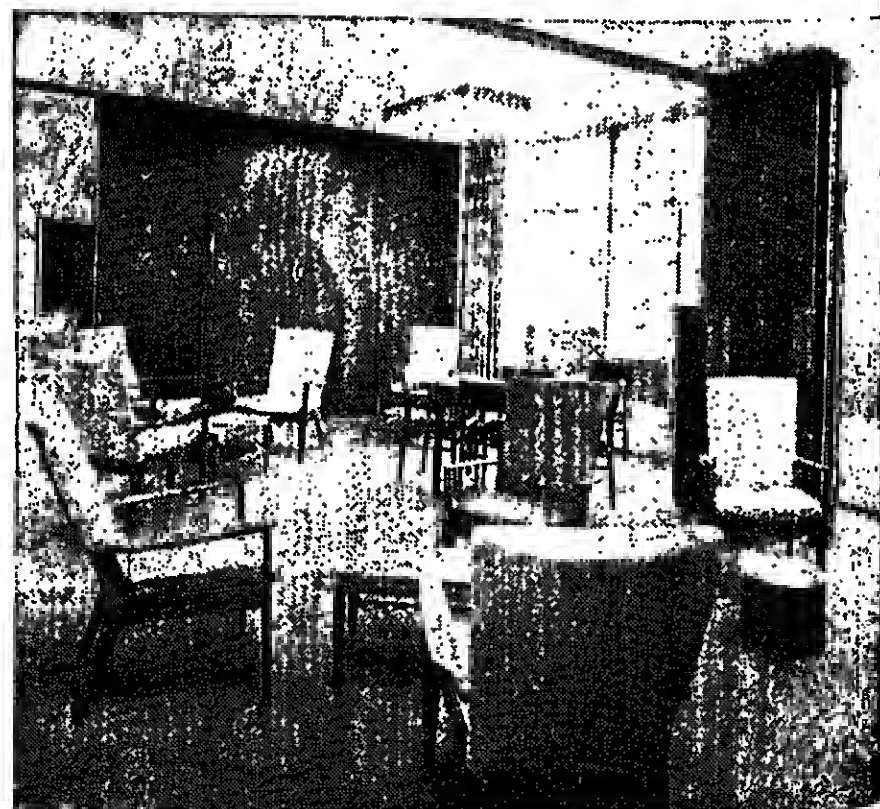


NEW HOMES FOR THE OLD

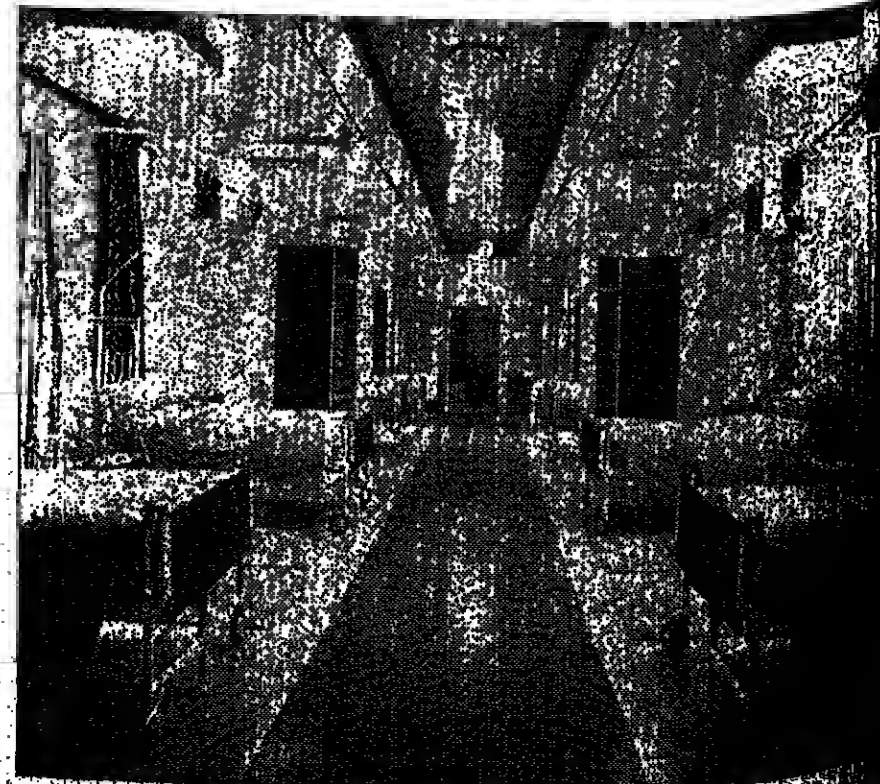
The opening of the magnificent Sarah Tanel House at Highbury and the Maitland and Joseph Houses at Hemel Hempstead, provides the Jewish Welfare Board with another two fine homes for the care of the aged



Sarah Tanel House for 43 elderly people



Comfortable lounge opens on to terrace



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JWB WEEK

20th-27th
JUNE 1971

BOARD'S MESSAGE

Lord Nathan reviews past year

Board has once again been very busy in the past year. Important decisions have been made which will guide the Board in the years to come.

In the long term, with the increasing problem of old people in the Jewish community, it is clearly going to be essential to find homes for those who are unable to live independently. With so many people in need of admission to our homes, it is vital that the very old and disabled are given priority.

And the new homes will be specifically designed for such people and exist to adapt to those needs. For those who are physically able to live independently, steps will be taken to recruit volunteers to help in their own homes and in day centres to be established. Important events during the year were the opening of Sarah Tanel House, a truly great gift of the Tanel family, and the opening of the Maitland and Joseph Houses at Hemel Hempstead, which were opened by Lord Nathan, Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Environment. These two establishments provided further urgently needed accommodation for the aged.

Needs of those whom we seek to help and the costs involved—constantly increasing—mean that the total funds made available by the community are inadequate to provide those whom we would like to help. In the context that co-ordination of the efforts of organisations concerned with welfare should be considered. This enables the resources of Anglo-Jewry to be used to the greatest effect.

In the past year our supporters have increased in number. But there is

so long way to go before the Board obtains, as it should, the support of the entire Anglo-Jewish community. Only when that has been achieved shall we be able to serve the community as fully and effectively as it would wish and as we intend.

JWB DERBY DRAW PRIZES

- 1st Mini Car 120317 Mill Reef Miss D. Beverley,
- 2nd 12-day holiday in Majorca 030544 Linden Tree Mr. E. S. Birk,
- 3rd Dining-room suite 016347 Irish Ball Mrs. J. Woolf,
- 4th Bedroom suite 000644 Lombardo Mrs. N. Blaustein,
- 5th Lounge suite 031107 Athens Wood Mr. N. Roe,
- 6th Kitchen dinette plus 4 chairs 114693 The Parson Mr. J. Aronson,

£5 consolation prizes

- 030681 Frascetti Miss B. Pizer
- 082630 Maaden Mr. M. Goldblum
- 017070 Homeric S. and J. Morein
- 107527 Zug Mr. D. Baron
- 133973 Dapper Dan Mr. L. Masula
- 145038 Joe's Dream Mrs. S. Wilkinson
- 143330 Bourbon Mrs. G. S. Phillips
- 008922 Sceptic Mrs. M. Klein
- 108306 Coffee Royal Mr. W. A. Woolf
- 110740 Beaming Lee Mr. R. Acker-Holt
- 018557 Credit Man Mr. A. Cohen
- 024389 Millennium Mrs. D. Laigh
- 148055 L'Apache Miss F. Motzner
- 106121 Juggernaut Mr. N. Ralher
- 024075 Tucan Miss M. But

VISIT THE BOARD'S RESIDENTIAL HOMES JOIN IN THE EVENTS OF JWB WEEK

Sunday June 20

JUNE FAYRE

Maitland and Joseph Houses, 35 Marlows, Hemel Hempstead, 2.30 p.m.—Bring the children—stalls and side-shows.

OPEN HOUSE—3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Jullus & Anna Wix House, 313-315 Green Lanes, N.4.

Levine House, 21 Broadhurst Gardens, N.W.6.

The 3C's Home, Grayshott, near Hindhead, Surrey.

Fenton House, 19 North Common Road, W.5.

Ika Morris House, 48 Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Rubens and Shina House, 104 Balards Lane, N.3.

Sarah Tanel House, 32 Highbury Grove, N.5.

Monday June 21

Ealon House, 7 Mapesbury Road, N.W.2.
Charles Jordan House (CBF Hostel), 386 Finchley Road, N.W.3.
Hostel at 1 Daleham Gardens, Hampstead, N.W.3.

Tuesday June 22

Alexandra Rose Day. Last minute helpers still required in West End and City. Please telephone Miss M. Morris at 01-636 1644.

Wednesday June 23

Bridge Builders. Play bridge in congenial company. 6 p.m. Hilda Schlessinger Room, 74a Charlotte Street, W.1.

Sunday June 27

Monopoly Car Rally organised by Junior Aid Committees of the Board. Commencing 6 p.m. from 74a Charlotte Street, W.1. For details telephone Adele Bayard 01-636 1844.

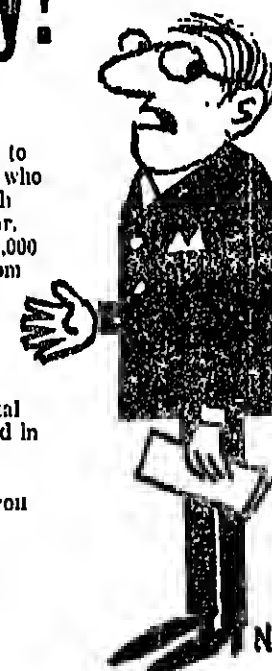
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Eileen Goodendy House, 40-42 Nevcrn Square, S.W.5. 2.30 p.m.

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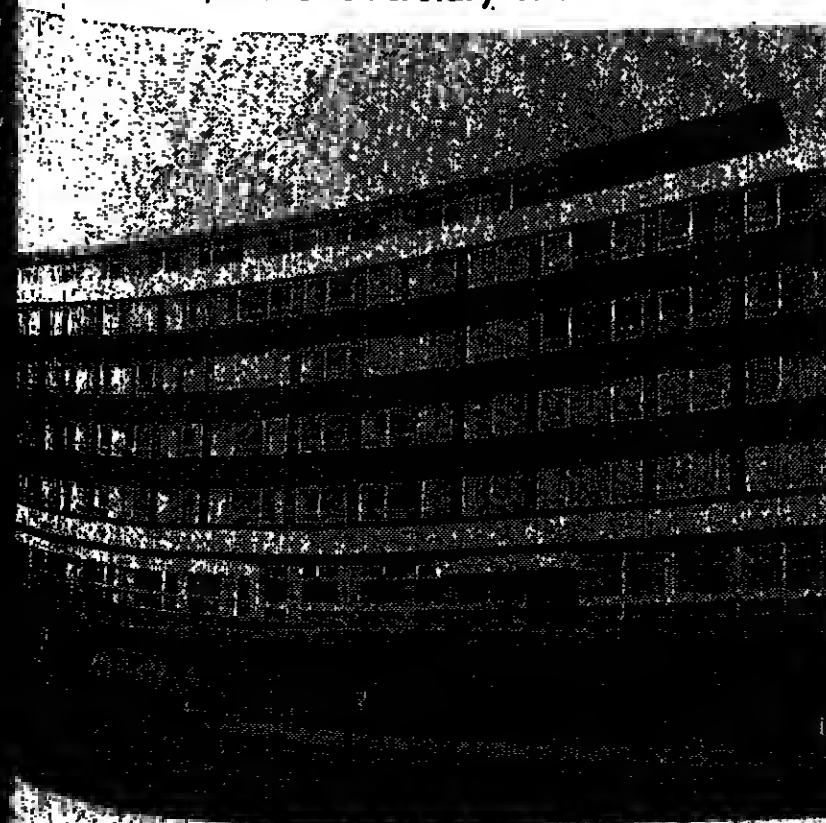


Then why not become one of the 10,000 new subscribers which the Board needs to ensure that its vital work does not suffer through lack of funds? If you have given already please ask a friend to support the work of the Jewish Welfare Board, Lionel Cohen House, 74a Charlotte Street, London W1P 2AH by sending a donation today.

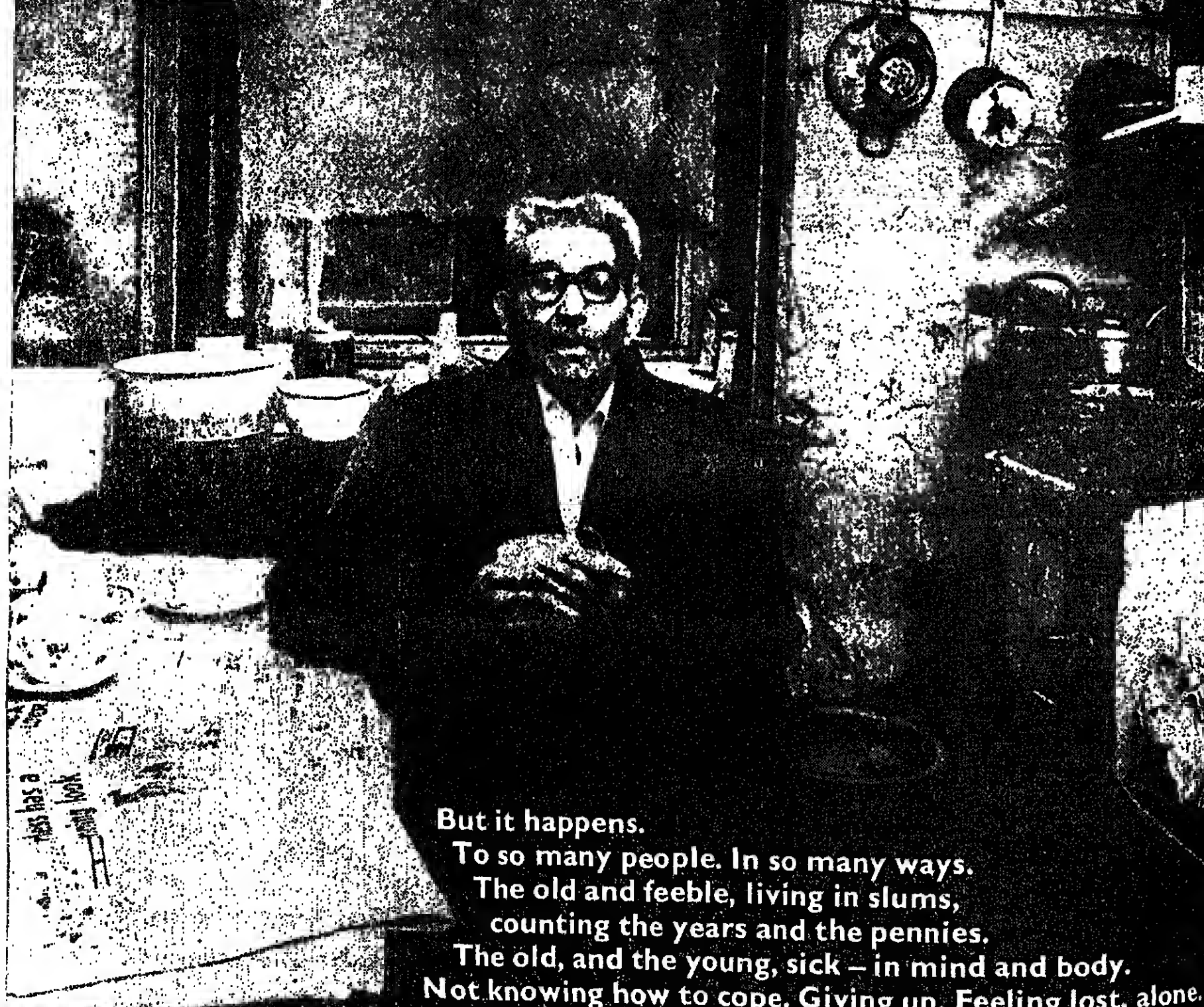
Thank
you

And many thanks also to the 8,462 other people who subscribed to the Jewish Welfare Board last year. The trouble is, over 15,000 people need help from the Board. They were poor and distressed families, lonely old people, men and women who had suffered from mental illness, people who lived in bad housing and many others with chronic disabilities. It all makes you think doesn't it?

Lord Sandford, Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Environment, views new flatlet at Hemel Hempstead



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For so many people, in so many ways. And it costs.
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CHARLATAN OR SAINT?

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ARNOLD COHEN, lecturer in Talmud and a London member of the Board of Deputies, recalls the strange career of Chaim Falk, also known as Dr Falkon, a mylerious figure who won the confidence of princes and the enmity of the great Rabbi Emden of Altona

that strange ad-venturer, Baron Theodore de Neuhoff, who for a short period in 1796 was King of Corsica. They formed a lasting friendship which was maintained until da Neuhoff eventually landed in the Fleet debtors' prison. Professor Roth considers this relationship the basis of the romantic legend of "The King and the Cabalist."



The Baal Shem of London, Chaim Samuel Falk

notoriety simultaneously. We have reports of many a miraculous deed. It was said he could cause a small taper to burn for many weeks: that he used to fill his cellar and larder by using Cabalistic incantations. It is reported that when a fire threatened to destroy the Great Synagogue in Duke's Place, he was called to save it, and did so by writing four letters on the pillars of the door.

A contemporary admirer describes him thus: "... When summoned to enter they found him sitting on a throne, his head diademed with a golden turban, a golden chain round his neck with a pendant silver star on which sacred names were inscribed. Verily this man stands alone in his generation by reason of his knowledge of holy mysteries. I cannot recount to you all the wonders he accomplished."

His fame reached out to the non-Jewish world. The Polish reform leader, Prince Czartorski, consulted him. He was alleged to have given Philippe Egalité, Duke of Orleans, a lapis lazuli talisman ring which was to help him ascend the throne of France. It did little good to that unfortunate nobleman, but it is said that as Philippe mounted the scaffold towards the guillotine he succeeded in passing it to a friend, who gave it to his son. This son eventually became Louis Philippe, King of France. His aid was also sought by

which had even reached the Jewish outpost of London, causing the resignation of a Nathan of Bevis Marks. Rabbi Emden was a man of considerable means who, having his own printing press, was able to publish many a polemical pamphlet. No target was too high for his arrows—witness his dispute with Rabbi Jonathan Eybenschütz, Chief Rabbi of Hamburg-Altona, which caused one of the greatest schisms in the history of Orthodox Jewry—and certainly none was too low. With his customary violence, he accused de Falk of being a sectary, impeaching him not as "Baal Shem" but as Baal Shem (Master of the Demon) and Shmuel Haromoli (Samuel the Impostor).

De Falk was also castigated by that great scholar, higrapher and traveller, Rabbi Chida (Azulay). The Rabbi's ire was

aroused when he met, in Paris, the Marquise de la Croix, a noble lady who had saved many Jews from the fires of the Inquisition of Avignon, and heard her claim to have been inflated by de Falk into the mysteries of the Cabala.

The heaviest indictment, however, comes from him himself—through his own diary, and from his personal assistant, one Zvi Hirsch Kalisch, in turn through his diary—a manuscript discovered by Professor Roth. These, together with reports of contemporary social gossips and later serious historians, throw up a picture of a man who, although not entirely destitute of scholarship, did not possess any great knowledge. A man who was interested in practical Cabala for material ends—the discovery or manufacture of wealth. One who, judging from reports in his servant's diary of chemically induced explosions, had a smattering of knowledge of what was then a fledgling science, and who tried to marry the Cabala to chemistry. In short, he was a man possessed by the alchemists' dream.

There is no record of his ever achieving success in this field, although in the last years of his life and at his death he was a man of affluence, probably as a result of the gifts showered on him by those such as "King" Theodore, who sought his aid.

Does this mean that he was a complete and utter fraud? More must be known about him and his doings before there is a rush to judgement, but in the meantime we can leave him with Dr Adler's closing words: "It is his share some mortal errors fall: Look at his face and you'll forget them all. He lived at a time when superstitions flourished in rank luxuriance; shall he be accounted to him an unpardonable offence that he did not rise superior to the spirit of his age?"

PERSONAL OPINION

fired London Hotel," the headlines in the Standard last Friday. It was the New Lang-which eight people died in the story, which in Kiev, was origin-ally members of the Red Army, which toured the South and which for a time at the

about either Polish or American Jewry. One may argue with a certain amount of logic that there is no future for America as a whole, but in so far as America has a future that of American Jewry is secure, for the Jews of America, unlike those of Poland, are not an alien adjunct to a national entity but an integral part of an evolving nation. Few Jews may be able to trace their antecedents to the Mayflower but how many Americans can? The America we now know is for good or ill to an important extent a Jewish creation.

But I think I detect something worse than ignorance in Mr Sapir's remark. Isn't there an element of wishful thinking in it, the desire that the future of American Jews should become so uncertain that they would descend upon Israel, dollars in hand, in their tens of thousands and thus give the country all the immigrants and hard currency it needs?

Mr Sapir should know better than anyone that the strength and prosperity of Israel rests on the prosperity and strength of Western Jewry, and that—as Abba Eban observed—anything which happened to undermine the latter would be calamitous to the former.

The Times carried two items on Jewish affairs on Monday. The first was the report of a sermon given by the Chief Rabbi at the St. John's Wood Synagogue in which he spoke glowingly of the toleration existing between Jews and Christians of this country. Rabbi E. J. Isaacson, who can make such a statement, cannot know much

cultural pluralism as a desirable state to enrich human experience. Immediately below that was a report of the annual conference of the Reform Synagogue of Great Britain, in which the chairman, Mr. Bernard Davies, complained that Reform and Liberal Jews were not as yet allowed to play their rightful role in the life of the Jewish community.

I don't know if there was any irony intended in the juxtaposition of the two reports but it demonstrated that the toleration and diversity which Dr Jakobovits praised laumont for goyim only. Among Jews he required conformity.

The CBE honour for Lady Henriques is richly deserved. A formidable combination of English dowager and Jewish matriarch, she has been godmother at large to successive generations of East Enders for nearly half a century.

When one thinks of her work one naturally links her name with that of her husband, the late and great Sir Basil Henriques, and they were certainly an extraordinary pair. But she was always a power in her own right.

In recent years she launched out on what was almost a new career as a broadcaster. Her vivid style remains clearly in my memory.

Now, at 82, she is engaged in an exhaustive biography of Sir Basil. One hopes that she will be less affecting in the book than she can be in conversation. It should make a fascinating story.

ASK THE RABBI

"They shall put with the fringe of each corner a blue thread" (Numbers 15). Why do we not have blue tights?

According to the rabbis the dye for the blue (better, purple) thread (techelet) is prepared from a marine animal known as hilazon. The exact identification of the hilazon was forgotten and so this thread was no longer used.

The Mishna (Menachot 4, 1) rules that the tait are kosher without the blue thread. The late Chief Rabbi Herzog wrote his doctoral thesis on this subject.

In a well-known rabbinic interpretation it is said that the techelet is the colour of the sea, which in turn is the colour of the sky, which resembles the Throne of Glory, so that the purpose of the techelet was to remind man to turn his gaze heavenwards.

It is frequently said that the reason why the tallit is manipulated with blue or black lines around the edges is as a remembrance of the techelet.

In the last century the Chasidic Rabbi of Radzymin claimed to have rediscovered the secret of the ancient dye, and to this day the followers of this Chasidic dynasty (as well as the Bratzlavor Chasidim, who have no Rebbe and are, therefore, able to do as they please in these matters) wear the techelet in their tsitits. But the majority of rabbis were strongly opposed to the discovery, partly for reasons of religious conservatism. They

has put forward the fascinating idea that the Jews in Roman times were greatly attracted to the techelet because it was, in fact, the royal purple dye, and this explains, too, the reason why the Mishna rules that it is not essential since it may well have been a dangerous thing for a Jew to wear. Kaplan wishes now to reintroduce the techelet as a reminder that the Jew who keeps God's laws is noble and entitled to "wear the purple."

There is a tradition in many families that a man should not marry a girl whose name is the same as his mother's if she is still alive. This sounds like a superstition to me.

And to me. The source of the tradition is in the medieval German work Sefer Chasidim, which, together with the most elevated moral and religious teachings, contains a number of superstitious ideas, some of them clearly influenced by non-Jewish opinions at this period.

Many distinguished rabbis have been ready to overlook the alleged prohibition if the match were otherwise highly desirable, where, for instance, the groom was a scholar.

Is there any reason why people whose parents are living should not visit a cemetery? The idea that people whose parents are living should not visit a cemetery is not mentioned in any of the sources. When the custom is followed, therefore, it is probably sheer superstition and has no support in Jewish law.

Jewish Chronicle

Orange Juice in Old Jerusalem

DEBRA GOLD, aged 10

Recently I went to Israel. It is the loveliest country I have ever been to.

In Jerusalem I visited an Arab market. It was just like a fairy story. An Arab lady walked around in a long black dress embroidered with gay colours. She had her face covered and carried a huge clay pot and a bag on her head.

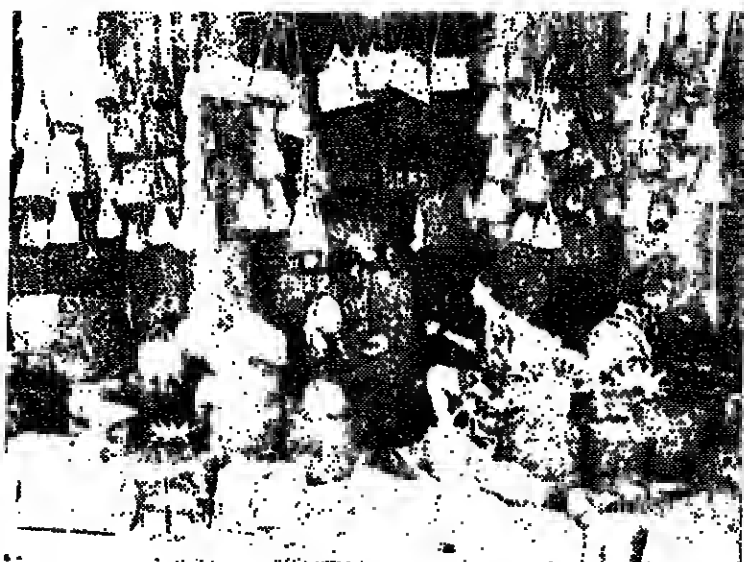
Arabs must be very strong. I saw old men sloping with large bundles of wood on their backs, and others were leading donkeys. All the donkeys were shaggy and grey with bricks or wool strapped to their backs.

Tomato, onion, onion. Arab boys playing drums. Everyone was shouting and singing. In the large dark rooms Arabs hammer away making shoes. It is done differently to the English way

for only a few men work and they hardly use any machines. In other dark rooms Arabs stand over flames melting metal while others forge designs on the metal with a sharp tool. Other men sit on the floor. Their job is to clean shoes. My father had his cleaned. The Arab did them very well and they really shine afterwards.

Off the path were stalls selling *fatafe*. This is made up of

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large *pitta* (pastry) filled with split peas and pickles. The stalls also sold orange squash; oranges would be pressed and poured into a glass.

There was rather a nasty smell in the market so we made our way out, which took a long time because it was so big. Bags and gay dresses hung everywhere. Then we went through an alley and out the gate of Old Jerusalem.

When the post stopped

From January 20 to March 8 there were no ordinary postal deliveries in this country, but all over the British Isles private services sprang up and helped to keep the mails moving.

There were more than 500 altogether. About half of them issued their own stamps, mostly curious and interesting designs which tempt collectors to include at least a few examples in their albums.

Gerald Rosen has compiled a catalogue of these unusual issues and, although it is not complete, it does give collectors an idea of the huge scope of this new field.

Of special interest to readers

are the stamps of the Mail Service (operated by Rosen) which reproduce of Israeli postage stamps. Special Courier Mail letters to Israel and the Israeli flag beside the Jack, and the North London Emergency Post by Mr Shoham.

There are many other throughout this 88-page book and prices are appropriate, but they are nominal figures and give a sense of the scale of the work.

The catalogue is published by B. L. S. C. Publishing, Pentonville Road, N1, London. It costs 3.00 and is available from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Thursdays.

PLAY SCHOOL

Nira Adt is the young presenter of Israel's version of Play School. She is in England at the moment visiting the BBC Play School Studios and has recorded a programme in the series which was transmitted last week. The programme contained a film about life in a kibbutz and Nira also sang a traditional Israeli song and told the story of "King Solomon's Umbrella."

CHARITY

One of the youngest fundraising committees in London raised over £10 for the Alice Model Nursery in Stepney at a garden fete held in Carlinee Gee's garden in Highgate last Sunday afternoon.

Caroline (aged 10) and her friends organised all the games, competitions and side-shows themselves.

Miriam Freeston, aged 9, and her 7-year-old sister, Rebecca, also raised some money for charity at a fete they held. Altogether £1 was collected for a Jewish charity. Junior Chronicle is to send the money to Jewish Child's Day.



Sara Marks, of Edgware, one of her friends, was at a fete held recently. The money sent to Junior Chronicle is to be forwarded to aid handicapped children.

QUESTIONNAIRE

What kind of people are our readers?

Fill in the questionnaire below and we will be able to tell you:

1. How old are you?
2. If over 11 do you attend grammar, secondary modern/comprehensive or public school?
3. Do you attend Hebrew classes regularly?
4. How often do you go to synagogue?
5. Do your parents go to synagogue more often than you do?
6. What do your parents want you to do when you grow up?

7. What do you want to do when you grow up?
8. Have you ever been to Israel?
9. Are you happy in England or would you rather live in Israel?
10. Would you like to go to university or do you think you would be quite happy if you didn't?

Send in your replies to Junior Chronicle, Jewish Chronicle, 25 Finsbury Street, EC2A, and write your name and address clearly in block letters at the top of your answers.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Hebrew double Summer at Hillel

Michael Weitzman, a graduate in oriental studies of St. John's College, Cambridge, has been awarded the university's First Tyrwhitt Hebrew scholarship and the Mazon Prize for Biblical Hebrew—a rare if not unique double.

Among recipients of the scholarship are the late Herbert Lowe, Mr Abba Ebon and Professor J. Ben-Zion Segal.

Michael is reading for a PhD in statistics applied to Biblical problems of textual criticism of University College, London.

Exam results

Eva Fischer has gained the BSc degree in mathematics at the University of Göttingen, Sweden.

Martin Soffer has passed the final examination of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Ian Gold has passed the final examination of the Law Society.

Jeffrey Tobies, a student of St Bartholomew's Hospital, has been awarded a travelling fellowship in psychiatry by the Mental Health Research Fund.

Summer at Hillel

The summer programme at B'nai Brith Hillel House is specially designed to cater for overseas students as well as those in this country.

The central Sunday gathering is entitled "the wandering Jew" to afford an opportunity to students from abroad to contribute their artistic skills and exchange information with their British counterparts.

There is a full range of Shabbat activities, including Friday night dinner and Shabbat lunch, both of which must be booked.

Further details from Gerald Cromer, student director.

Hillel project

From a Correspondent

A Hillel House for Southampton University, soon to be established by the Bournemouth B'nai Brith Men's Lodge, was the subject of congratulations tendered by Mr H. Pinner, executive director of B'nai Brith, when he installed Mr Geoffrey Feld as president of the Bournemouth Lodge of the Cumberland Hotel.

Round & about

Edinburgh—The Jewish society has seen a resurgence of members during the past year to over 60, although this is still only an estimated 20 per cent of the university's Jewish population. Well-attended meetings have covered a wide field: Friday night meals with Israeli singing and dancing; guest speakers; a visit to the theatre and interdenominational discussions. Throughout the year there have been modern Hebrew classes using audio-visual aids, and the northern region chaplain, Rabbi Michael Rosin, has led a weekly discussion group.

Oxford—The Jewish Society's first meeting of term was addressed by Jon Sikkin, who read from his own poetry and from his translations of Israeli poetry. The Rev. M. H. Melis, of Liverpool, spoke on Anglo-Jewry. The society was also addressed by Mr Ben Ramelson, of the Communist Party of Great Britain, on "A Marxist look at the Jewish problem."

Imperial College—About 700 people attended a gathering held by the Bournemouth B'nai Brith Men's Lodge, was the subject of congratulations tendered by Mr H. Pinner, executive director of B'nai Brith, when he installed Mr Geoffrey Feld as president of the Bournemouth Lodge of the Cumberland Hotel.

Dr J. Rubis has been elected a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR—Continued from page 18

Yeshurun row over plans

Sir,—We refer to the report in your May 28 issue headed "Yeshurun row over plans" and the statement contained therein by the spokesman for the Federation of Synagogues.

Both of us were present at the council meeting held on March 29 last when the evidence of £60,000 was passed. After the meeting Mr Weller, Mr Katz and ourselves spoke to Mr Lederman, the president of the Federation of Synagogues, asking when the contract for the building of the new synagogue and purpose-built classes

would be signed. His reply was "Let me have some more time to think about it." It was assumed that the amount of money was not a problem and that the Federation would be able to raise the money.

The contract referred to in the report was not a contract for the building of the new synagogue and purpose-built classes. It was a contract for the building of the new synagogue and purpose-built classes.

I particularly refer to those who are so materialistic and trade with the USSR that their great heritage goes by the board.

Let us show some true character. This is far more important than silly demonstrations.

JULIUS MEDCALE

19 Carlton Court,

120 Maida Vale, W9.

'Silly demos'

Sir,—I wonder how many Jews born in Britain, whose parents fled from programs in Russia to wonderful Britain and who, between 1941 and 1965, thought that the Soviets could do no wrong, still have that opinion?

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